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# MAD

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— Alfred E. Neuman

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Far be it for us to pull the wool over your eyes! We simply stretch a point to show you what looms in a cut-and-dyed industry.



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#### LETTERS DEPT.



#### APRIL FOOL COVER

Last night, when I purchased the April issue of MAD, a wave of terror engulfed me. Since I have been a fan of yours for as long as I can remember, the thought of the publication of MAD being terminated was enough to activate my suicide impulse. I would have succeeded in hanging myself if my dear old mother hadn't informed me that it was all a joke!

Merwyn D. Nelson  
Rapid City, So. Dak.

There's a spoilsport in every family!—Ed.

You guys sure gave me a scare with your "This is the end of MAD" bit. It aged me ten years. Thanks for the favor. Now I'm old enough to get a driver's license.

Josh Zerlin  
South Euclid, Ohio

Just what do you clods think you're doing! You build up our hopes, and then tell us it's all a gag!

Jack Marin  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

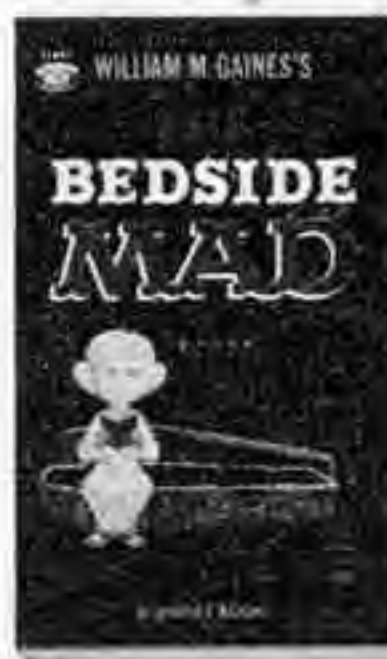
#### RICH KID



This is George A. Orndorff, of Hinsdale, Illinois. Obviously, George is the only "Rich Kid" in the country who reads MAD. Mainly because he was the only one in the country who bought a set of the 14-Carat Gold brick Cuff Links!—Ed.

### Books that can do *what they look like they can do*

(Mainly, ruin your eyes and destroy what little sanity you have left!)



#### THE LATEST MAD POCKET-SIZE BOOK

### THE BEDSIDE MAD

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#### THE FUTURE



Enclosed is a picture of our class that should make you cry with joy. You can see that here are real scholars. Here are young people who will eventually chart the unknown reaches of the universe. Here are future citizens, future rulers of civilization . . . prepared in their early years by MAD. The deep, deep thought-provoking material contained in your publication will influence them for the rest of their lives. Someday, you will fully realize the effects of your work.

Alan Peiken  
North Miami Beach, Fla.

And, boy, will we be sorry!—Ed.

#### IND

What's the big idea? On the cover of the April issue, you left out the letters "IND" that the fat woman is supposed to be pointing to.

Charles Allen  
Sonoma, Calif.

Someone forgot to put the "IND" on the cover of the April issue. The poor dame is running around pointing at nothing, which your mag turned out to be after I finished reading it.

Joseph Lipari  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

I know this is the stupidest magazine published, but you don't have to keep on proving it all the time. The main reason I'm writing is to tell you idiots that you forgot to put the "IND" on the front cover of your April issue.

Tommy Le Clair  
Ludlow, Vt.

Since the "This Is The End Of MAD" front cover was really the back cover, we didn't forget to put the "IND" on it at all! Actually, we forgot to put it on the "RCA Victim" ad back cover, which was really the front cover!—Ed.



## SOME CARD PLAYER

In "Television Roulette", Bret Maverick announced they were going to play seven-card stud. Next time we saw him, he was giving a player three cards. Any idiot knows you don't get new cards in stud poker.

Ken Luciani  
Candor, New York



### Seven-Card Stud?

For a card player, Maverick doesn't know his game very well. He called for seven-card stud, and wound up giving extra cards. What's the explanation?

Russ Durham  
Prairie Village, Kansas

He cheats!—Ed.

## TOURIST PHRASE BOOK

How come the Confederate flag on your Tourist Phrase Book has 21 stars? There were only 13 states on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Howard Arnberg  
Colorado Springs, Colo.



### Twenty-One Stars?

The extra stars on MAD's Confederate Flag represent the Northern States whose hearts just weren't in it!—Ed.

In "MAD's Handy Phrase Book For Modern American Tourists, in the "African" section, you have a phrase which says: "There is a python in my sleeping bag!" For your information, pythons are not found in Africa. See any good encyclopedia.

David Colton  
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

You were right, David! There was a python curled up in our encyclopedia!—Ed.

**HAVE MAD MAILED TO YOUR HOME**  
(and avoid the embarrassment of being seen with it in public!)

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: ALLOW EIGHT WEEKS FOR SUBSCRIPTION TO BE PROCESSED

## DOUBLE VISION



Enclosed is a picture of me showing the results of reading too many issues of MAD. Not only has your idiocy rotted my mind, but I've also developed an extra pair of eyes. Now I have to suffer through your junk twice as much.

Seward McCain  
Palo Alto, Calif.

But you only have to look half as hard!—Ed.

## SUGGESTED NAMES

In your letter page of the April issue, you ask for "suggestions" for Alfred E. Neuman's girlfriend's name. We have a suggestion. Mainly, learn how to spell "suggestion"!

Jim Fautus  
McHenry, Ill.

Her name is "MADeline"...

Wayne Montgomery  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Seeing as how you have "Moxie" all over the magazine, why not call her "Moxie", and kill two birds with one stone?

Jarl Johansson  
Ottawa, Ont., Canada

She looks like "Moxie Cowznofsky" to me...

Barbara Forrester  
Bellmore, N. Y.

She looks like "Moxie Cowznofsky" to us too, Barbara, mainly because that's her name!—Ed.

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I want to have a million laughs playing  
it at 78 RPM. I understand that when  
I play it at 33 1/3 RPM, it's a bomb!

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( ) I enclose \$3.98 for the Hi-Fi LP Album

( ) I enclose \$5.98 for the Stereo LP Album



More and more these days, the trend is toward "realism" in entertainment. Take all them TV heroes, for example. Guys like Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp, and Jack Benny. These characters aren't made up! No sir! They're taken from real life! If newspaper syndicates were smart, they'd get on the ball, follow the trend, and get more realism in their features by using these...

# COMIC STRIP HEROES

(TAKEN FROM REAL LIFE)

PICTURES BY WALLACE WOOD



## CONRAD HILTON AND



## WERNER VON BRAUN



## BRINGING UP BONNIE





HIS HOTELS



—SPACE WIZARD



PRINCE CHARLIE





## HYMIE RICKOVER AND HIS ATOMIC SUBS



## DICK NIXON IN WASHINGTON



## NASSER AND THE ARABS

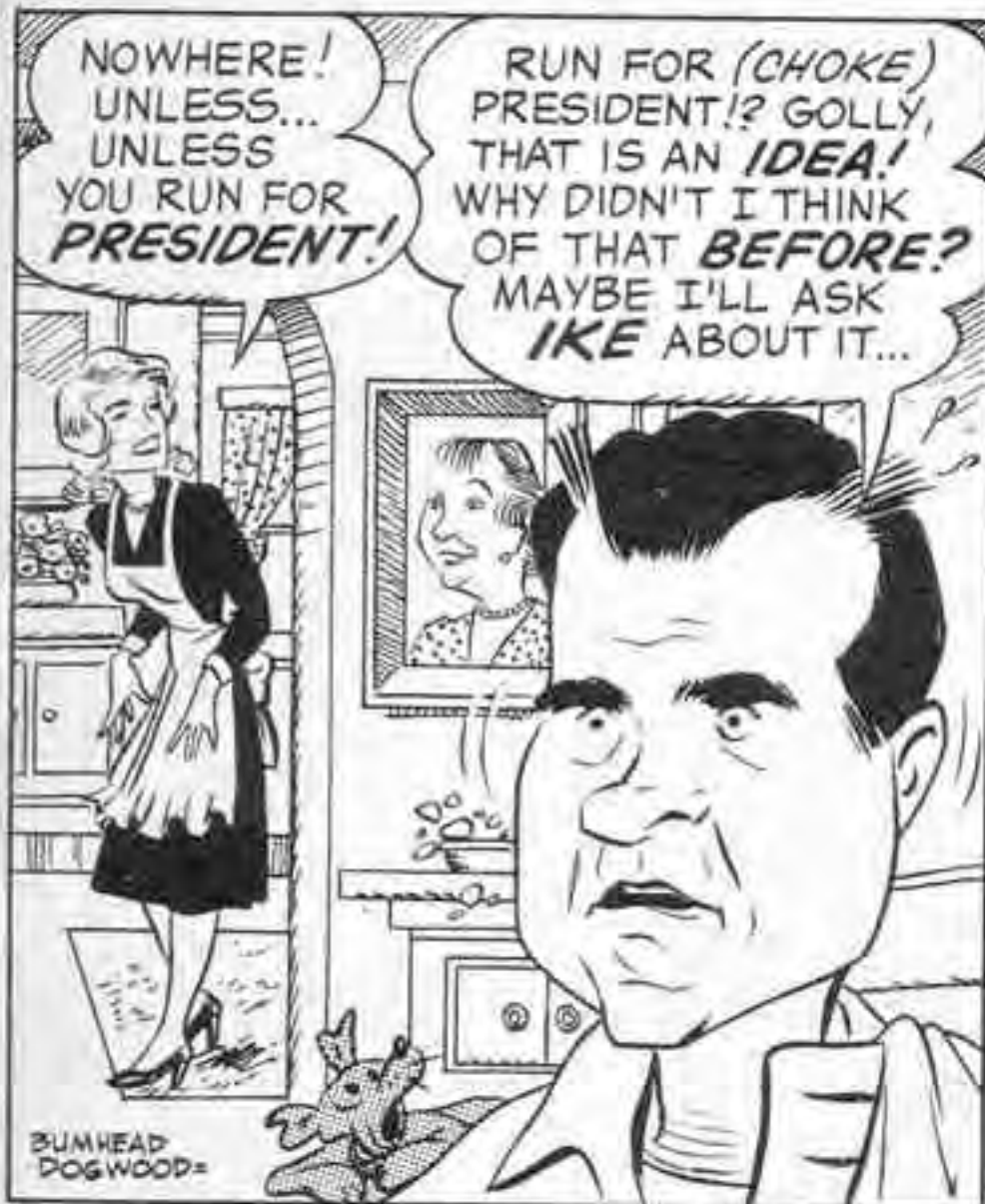




## THE KHRUSHCHEVS



Richard Nixon in "Great Expectations"



## HOFFA THE MENACE



"Kid, what you need is a union! You look like somebody wit' a lot of grievances!"



Everywhere we look these days, we see posters publicizing well-known progressive organizations and their constructive campaigns. Nowhere do we see posters publicizing little-known reactionary organizations and their destructive campaigns. Since we at MAD believe that everybody has the right to be heard, here are some appeals for support from...

# LITTLE

# BACK BLIGHT



**Keep Our Communities Looking Lived In!**

- \*THROW TRASH IN HALLWAYS
- \*DESTROY WASTE-DISPOSAL UNITS
- \*JOIN HOUSE-WRECKING DEMONSTRATIONS
- \*ATTACK YOUR STREET CLEANER WHEN HE COMES

Special Committees now being  
formed to bring back:

- \*PUSHCARTS
- \*OUTDOOR CLOTHES-LINES
- \*KITCHEN DUMBWAITERS
- \*THE "I-CASH-CLOTHES" MAN

SEND FOR FREE 1-PAGE BOOKLET  
"How To Turn Your Neighborhood Into A Slum Area."

JOIN **ACTION** TODAY!  
INDIVIDUALISM NATURALISM CHARACTER

PROTEST AGAINST THE TEAR-  
ING DOWN OF OUR BELOVED  
TENEMENTS FOR BIG HOUSING  
PROJECTS THAT DRIVE US  
FURTHER INTO CONFORMITY!

# ACTION

**American Committee To Ignore Our Neighborhoods**

Consult your Yellow Pages under "SLOBS" for the office nearest you.

**It's time to fight back!**



**123,497**

People bitten by  
DOGS last year

**15,382**

Individuals scratched  
by CATS last month

**5,289**

Women frightened by  
MICE last week

**1**

Clod smacked by an  
ELEPHANT'S TRUNK

# American SOCIETY for the practice of cruelty to animals

**Why Not Direct Natural Human Aggression Against Animals Instead Of Each Other?  
THEY'RE DOING IT TO US!**

- Go out and kick dogs in the gut!
- Set fire to stray kittens!
- Pull wings off flies!
- Tape the beaks of annoying parakeets!
- Pluck feathers off live chickens!
- Walk around stepping on ants!

ENTER OUR EXCITING  
NEW CONTEST  
"The most vicious cruelty to  
a Domestic Animal"

**BRING YOUR PET TO ONE OF  
OUR CONVENIENTLY  
LOCATED TORTURE CHAMBERS**

**OUR MOTTO:** Get them  
before they  
get you!



# KNOWN ORGANIZATIONS

PICTURES BY BOB CLARKE

## ALCOHOLICS!

If you're going to drink . . . Why not get drunk among friends!



Nobody understands a drunk better than another drunk! Here is a place you can come where nobody's going to try and make you kick the habit!

### FOR OLD TIMERS

Meet other drunks with the same neurosis as yours!

Make new friends and life-long drinking companions!

Join the only Organization of Active Lushes in America

### FOR BEGINNERS

Special courses on "How to become a Confirmed Alcoholic"

"How to convert your friends into Confirmed Alcoholics"

## Alcoholics Unanimous!

"A HOME AWAY FROM THE SALOON"

("Just knock three times and holler: "A. U.!")

SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS TO BOTTLE CLUBS, MOONSHINE STILLs, AND SKID ROW HOTELS

## Join The Crusade To Abolish The Arts!

Music, Art, Literature and the Drama are ruining our great nation by encouraging us to escape from the stark realities of life. Too much time and money are wasted on such dangerous frivolities. We must wake up before it is too late and use this time and money for something really worthwhile, or face ultimate destruction!

### Participate In Our Many Important Activities

Join "Send Artists To The Moon" Clubs - Support Book-Burning Demonstrations - Break up Poetry Readings - Talk Loud in Libraries - Cough at Symphony Concerts

### Picket Art Wherever It's Found!

MUSEUMS GALLERIES STUDIOS REST ROOM WALLS

## The Anti-Cultural League

This month's drive to destroy Culture is devoted to: "Making the Country MAD Conscious"

★ **Wipe Out** ★  
★ **CORRUPTION in GOVERNMENT** ★  
★ **by Wiping Out GOVERNMENT!** ★  
★ **GIVE GOVERNMENT BACK TO THE PEOPLE!** ★  
★ **MAKE EVERYBODY HIS OWN LAWMAKER!** ★

Let's return to Rugged Individualism!



Americans for

Democratic

Anarchy

An Organization Dedicated to the Proposition that "Government Stinks!"



Support this Revolutionary New Way to Solve the Overpopulation Problem!

# Have an Accident TODAY!

Let's face it! You've got to go eventually so you might as well go fast! Why wait for lingering disease or slow, tormenting old age? Let us show you how to have a quick, easy accident!



ATTEND OUR ENTERTAINING WEEKLY LECTURES:

MAY 5:

"Forming a Self-Destructive Group Among Your Friends."

MAY 12:

"101 Ways to Get Yourself Killed In Your Home"

MAY 19:

"How to Take Better Advantage of Heavy Traffic."

MAY 26:

"Live Wires, Third Rails and Where to Find Them."

PHONE OR WRITE

## National Accident Council

"Don't have an Accident without first consulting us!"

Help Stamp Out

# Togetherness

*"Togetherness" is ruining America!*

*Members of families are getting into each other's hair!*

*Arguments are starting! Fights are common! It's time to stop this Threat to America's Future!*

*Stay apart and preserve our homes!*

JOIN CAMPAIGNS FOR:

- \*SEPARATE BEDROOMS
- \*SEPARATE VACATIONS
- \*SEPARATE AUTOMOBILES
- \*SEPARATE CHECKS
- \*SEPARATE COPIES OF "McCALLS"

Enroll Today In The

## UNTOGETHERNESS CLUB OF AMERICA



Executive Office.....Toledo, Ohio  
Administrative Office.....Dubuque, Iowa  
Editorial Office.....Fargo, North Dakota  
Meeting Rooms.....Sydney, Australia



DON'T FIGHT

# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

JOIN IT!



Stop being a sissy! Get out of the house! Take part in friendly neighborhood skirmishes! Prepare yourself for the rough adult life you will have to face tomorrow!

FOR THE RELEASE OF  
PENT-UP HOSTILITY  
JOIN A STREET  
GANG TODAY!

Make it the best Fighting Force  
in your Local Community!

LEARN GOOD TRADES  
FOR THE FUTURE:

- Sew patches on black leather jackets!
- Learn to sharpen switchblade knives!
- Become adept at polishing brass knuckles!
- Master the art of dirty fighting!
- Get used to being knocked around!

Committee to Encourage  
Juvenile Delinquency

A Non-Profit Organization  
Sponsored by the

## Police Antagonistic League

OUR MOTTO:

"Don't send your boy to Camp—  
send him to Reform School!"



*I must go down in the sea again, down deep, 'cause I'm in the mood...  
And all I ask is my air should last, so I don't end up fish food!*

John Masefinkle—Skin Diver from Hackensack

IN THE OLD DAYS, THE MORE ADVENTUROUS SOULS AMONG US USED TO DREAM OF GOING DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS. NOWADAYS, THE MORE ADVENTUROUS SOULS AMONG US DREAM OF GOING DOWN TO THE SEA... AND THEN UNDER IT...

# SKIN DIVING

STORY AND PICTURES BY DAVID BERG



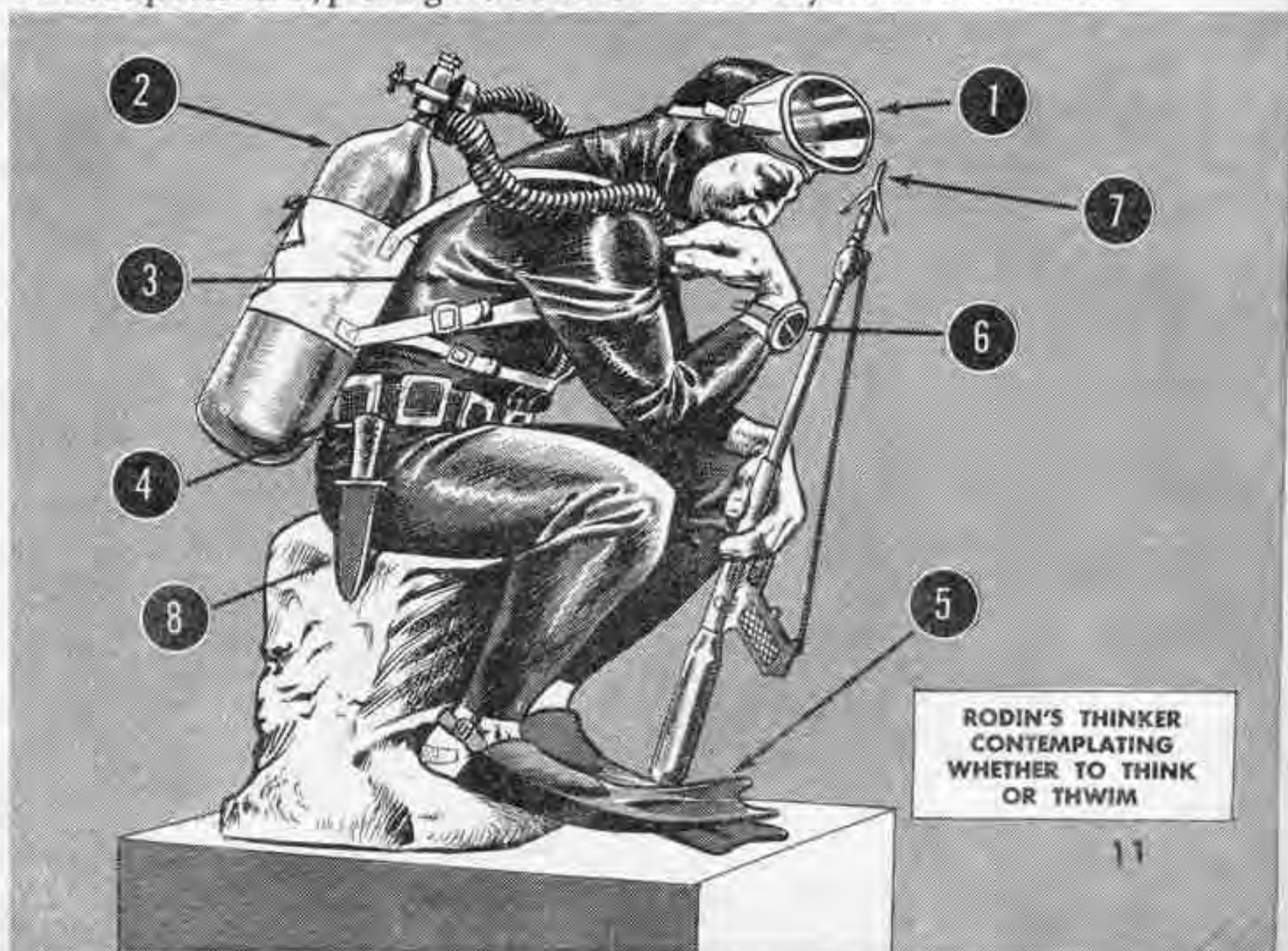
THE SATELLITE SEEN IN THE UPPER RIGHT CONTAINS SEVERAL COWS. IT IS THE FIRST HERD SHOT 'ROUND THE WORLD!

Scientists tell us that life on Earth can be traced back millions of years... to its origin in the sea around us. There, the first one-celled animal bobbed, then wriggled

then swam, and finally crawled onto land to develop into the creature known as "Man". Yes, through the process of evolution, we have come a long way upward... ever upward.

This article deals with the reactionaries to this evolution. Mainly, the skin divers who are reversing the process by returning to the sea and going downward, ever downward. This, then, is an article with depth.

To accomplish this return to the sea, skin divers must have the special equipment shown below: (1) Face Mask, (2) Oxygen Tank, (3) Rubber Suit, (4) Weighted Belt, (5) Flippers, (6) Wrist Depth Gauge, (7) Spear, and (8) Knife. Manufacturers who supply this equipment charge fantastic prices for it, proving there's more than one way to skin a skin diver!



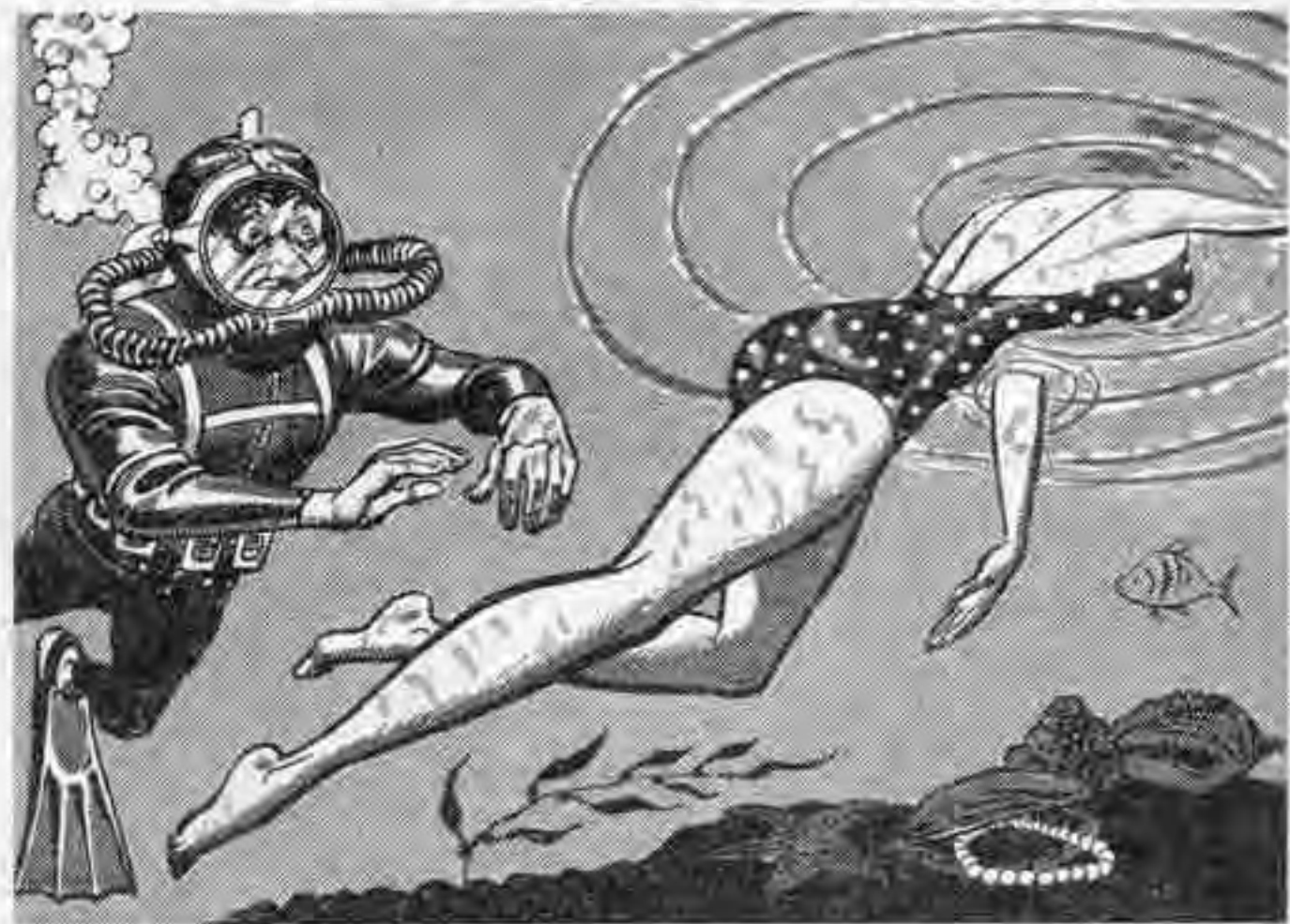


# SKIN DIVING ENTHUSIASTS CLAIM THEY SALVAGE



Skin diving enthusiasts claim they derive enjoyment from searching for and finding lost valuables they can salvage.

# OBSERVATION



Skin diving enthusiasts claim there's lots of thrills and plenty excitement studying forms of marine life close-up.

# SPEAR FISHING



Spear-fishing is popular among the more bloodthirsty skin divers. Spears used in this delightful sport come in the many and varied types shown above, all designed to KILL!

Skin divers will tell you that spear-fishing is far more thrilling than rod-and-reel fishing . . . and that once you have experienced it, your thirst for it is unquenchable!



While a rod-and-reel fisherman must wait patiently for a hungry fish to take his bait, the skin diver with a spear can go below and plaster one whether it's hungry or not!

An expert skin diver never goes spear-fishing alone, but uses the safer "buddy system"...the advantage being that if there are no fish to shoot, there's always his "buddy"!





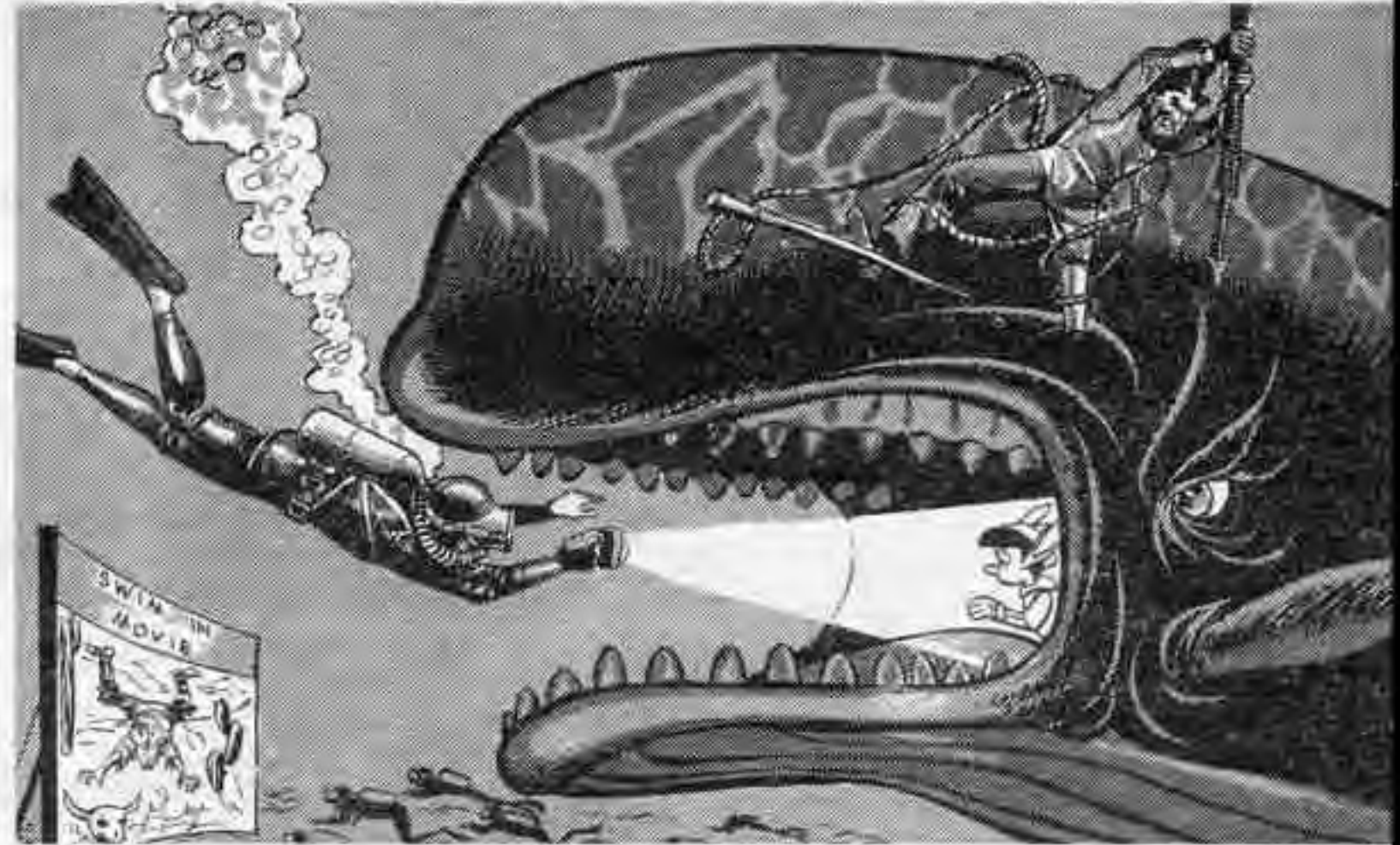
# CAN ENJOY MANY FACETS OF THE SPORT

## DISCOVERY

## EXPLORATION



Skin diving enthusiasts claim nothing can match the eerie mystery of discovering and investigating old sunken hulks.



Skin diving enthusiasts claim once you've experienced the dangers of exploring undersea caves, you've really lived.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### THE UNDERWATER CAMERA



The development of water-tight casings for cameras opened a new world for skin divers, while landlubber photo bugs were stuck on shore with the same old mundane subjects.

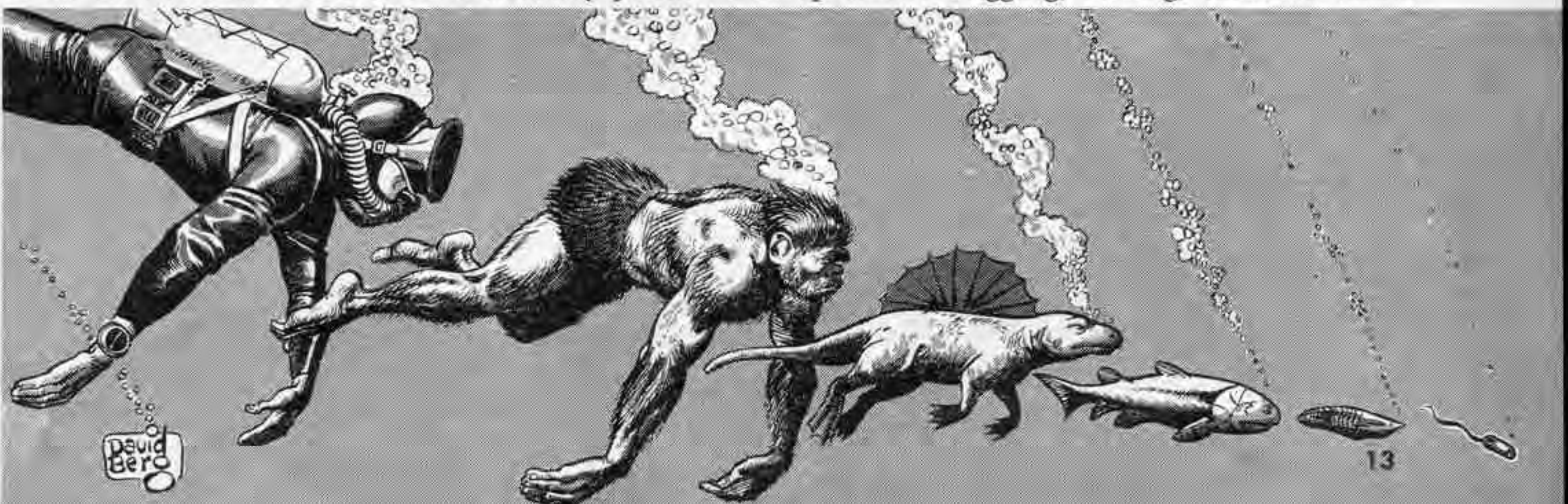
MAD shudders to think what will happen if skin diving continues to gain in popularity. Before long, this return to the sea . . . this reversal of the evolutionary process

### THE AQUA-LUNG



The development of the aqua-lung made it possible for the skin diver to remain underwater longer, breathing air at \$5.00 a tankful which he can get above water for FREE!

. . . will begin to have its effects, and once again, Man will develop gills, then scales, then fins, until finally he ends up as that wriggling, bobbing, one-celled animal.



David Bero



MAD's maddest artist, Don Martin, who is an expert in the art of love (drawing pictures of it, that is!), now offers his idea of "romance" as practiced by...

# THE





# CAVEMEN



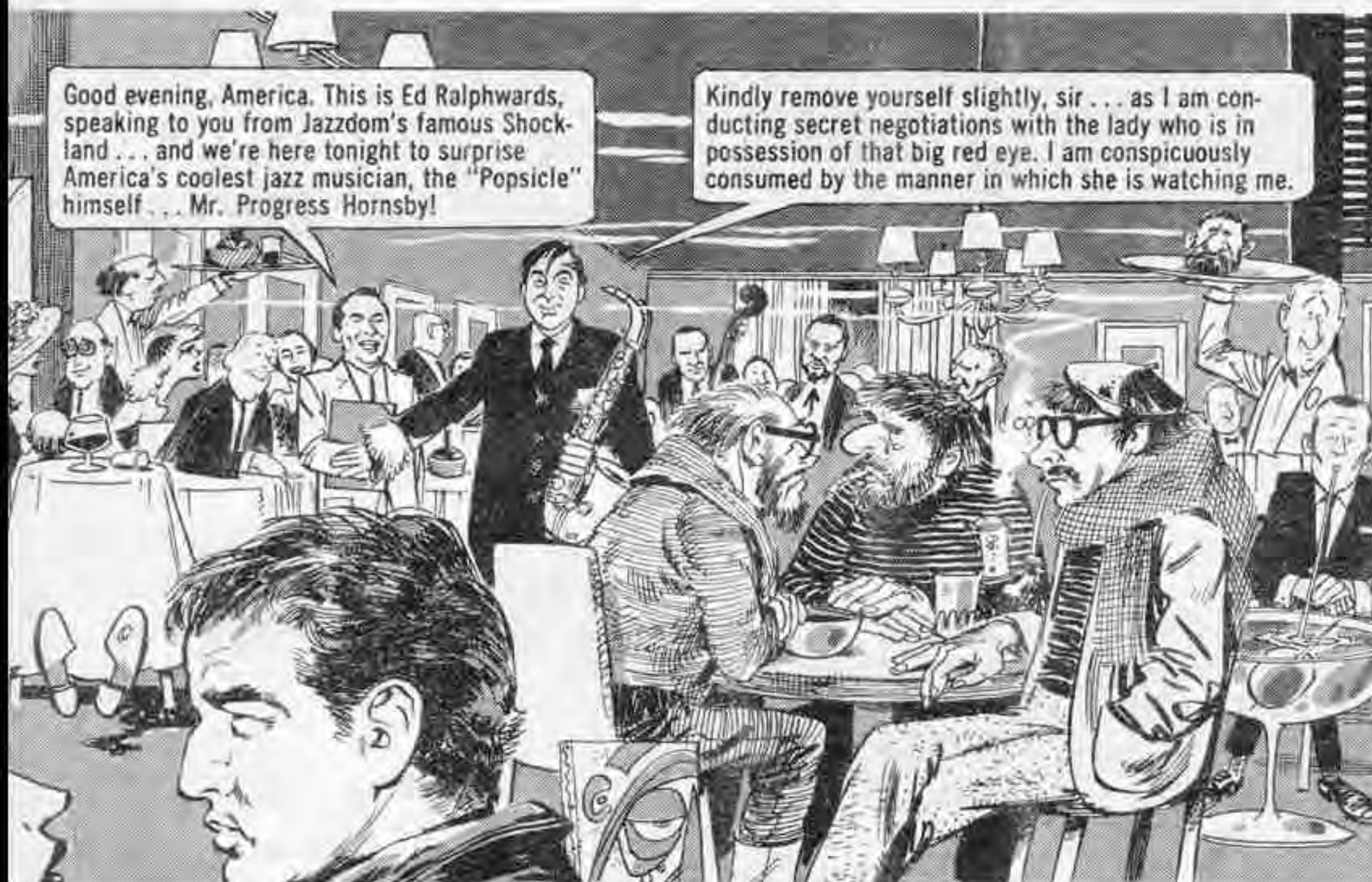
\*\*Cheryl Turner in "I Remember Mama"





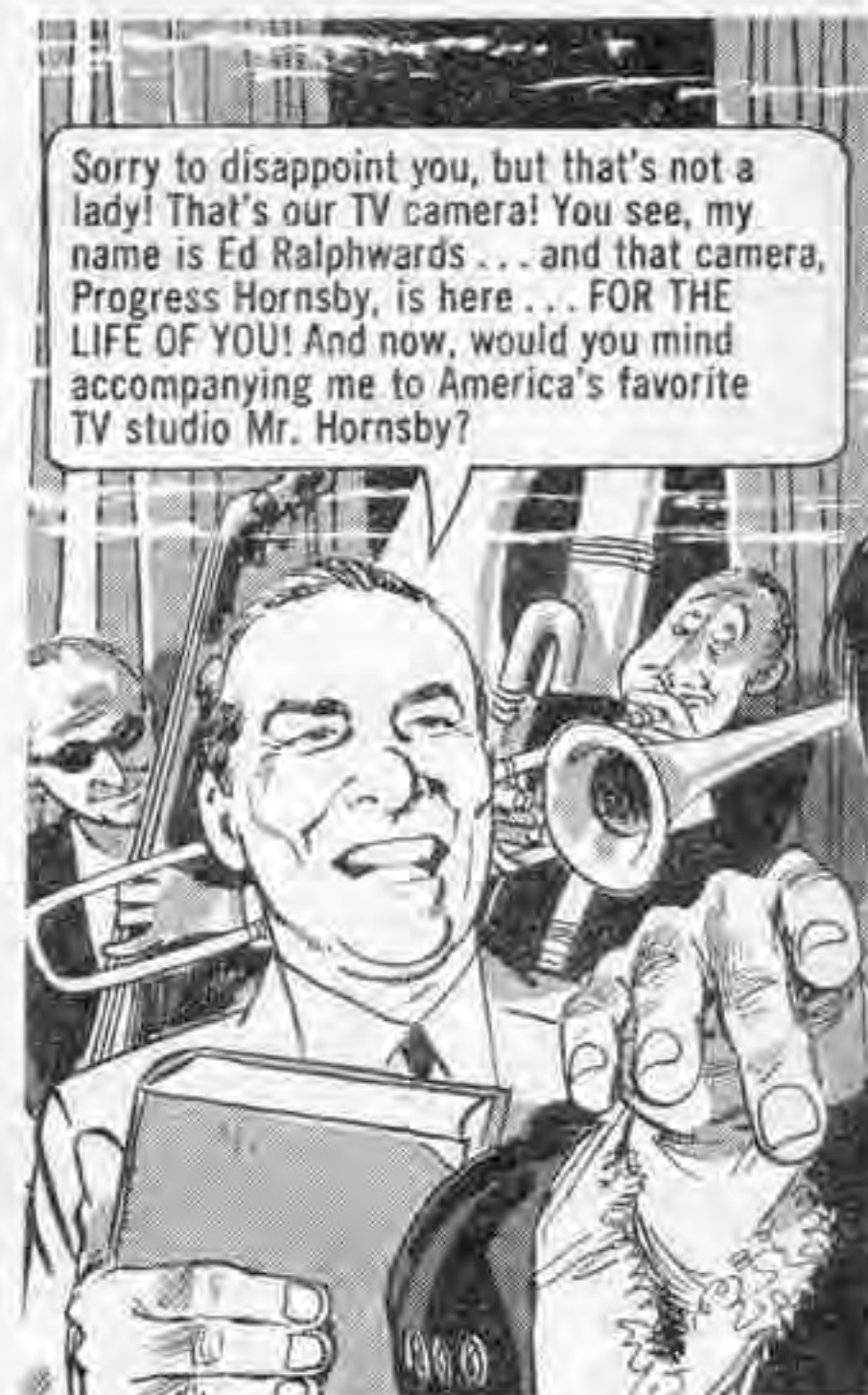
## SID CAESAR DEPT.

By the time this issue of MAD hits the newsstands (and the newsstands hit back in self-defense), Sid Caesar will have scored again on TV, starring in the May 3rd Rexall "Special" (nee: spectacular) for NBC. Not content with his resounding successes on television, Sid Caesar now courts immortality by starring again in MAD . . . this time as one of his best-known comedy characters, Jazz Musician Progress Hornsby. True to his name, Progress has "progressed" . . . from "cool" to what critics hail as the "Frozen School" of Jazz. Neither way out, nor far out, Progress Hornsby is "celestial". And so we here at MAD take great pleasure in presenting . . .



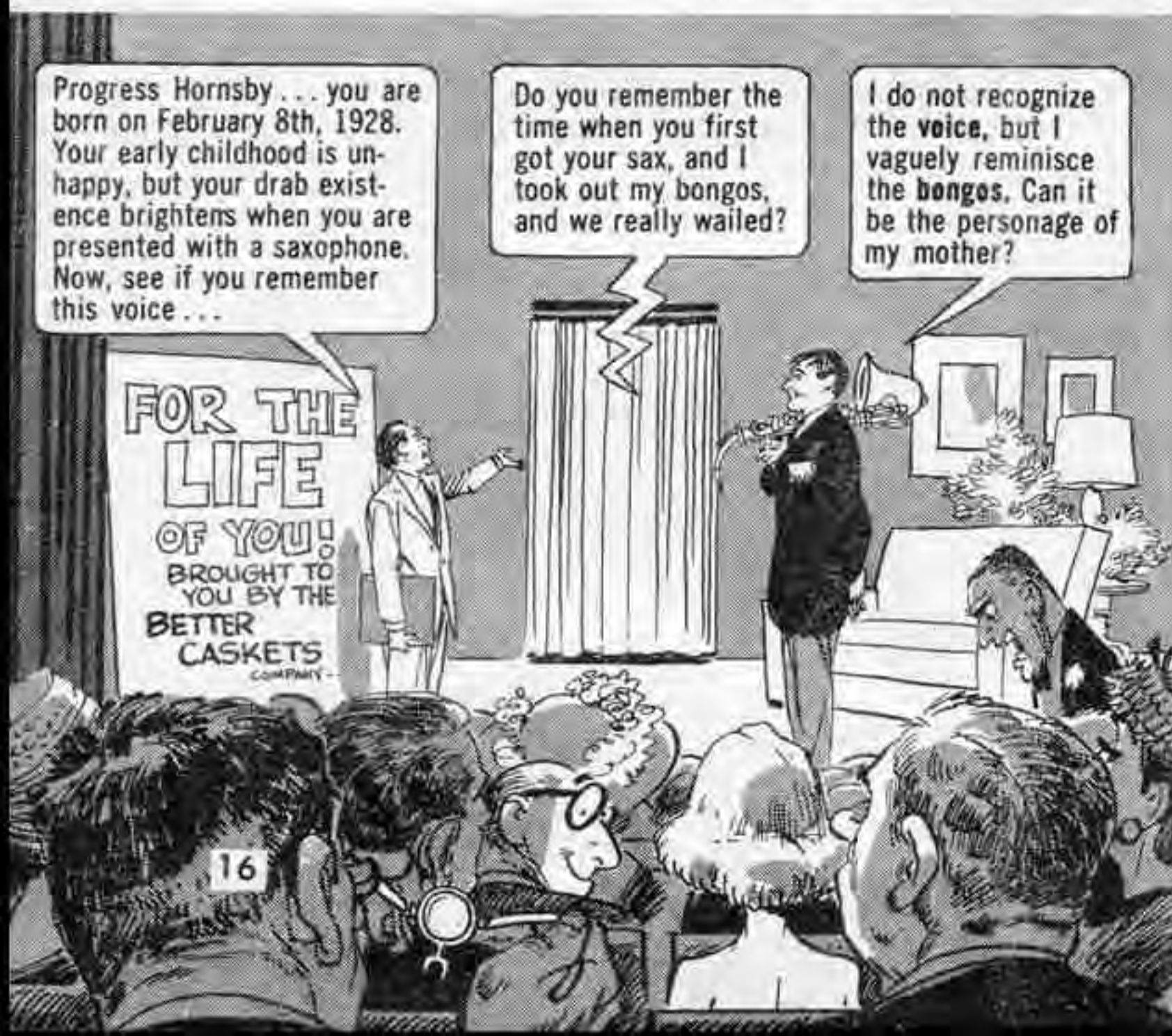
Good evening, America. This is Ed Ralphwards, speaking to you from Jazzdom's famous Shockland . . . and we're here tonight to surprise America's coolest jazz musician, the "Popsicle" himself . . . Mr. Progress Hornsby!

Kindly remove yourself slightly, sir . . . as I am conducting secret negotiations with the lady who is in possession of that big red eye. I am conspicuously consumed by the manner in which she is watching me.



Sorry to disappoint you, but that's not a lady! That's our TV camera! You see, my name is Ed Ralphwards . . . and that camera, Progress Hornsby, is here . . . FOR THE LIFE OF YOU! And now, would you mind accompanying me to America's favorite TV studio Mr. Hornsby?

\*\*Senator Kennedy in "Johnny Eager"



Progress Hornsby . . . you are born on February 8th, 1928. Your early childhood is unhappy, but your drab existence brightens when you are presented with a saxophone. Now, see if you remember this voice . . .

Do you remember the time when you first got your sax, and I took out my bongos, and we really wailed?

I do not recognize the voice, but I vaguely reminisce the bongos. Can it be the personage of my mother?



That's right, Progress! Direct from Iglooland Night Club . . . where she is a combination bongo-player-cigarette girl, here is your mother . . . Mrs. Euphoria Hornsby! It must be thrilling to see your mother again after all these years!

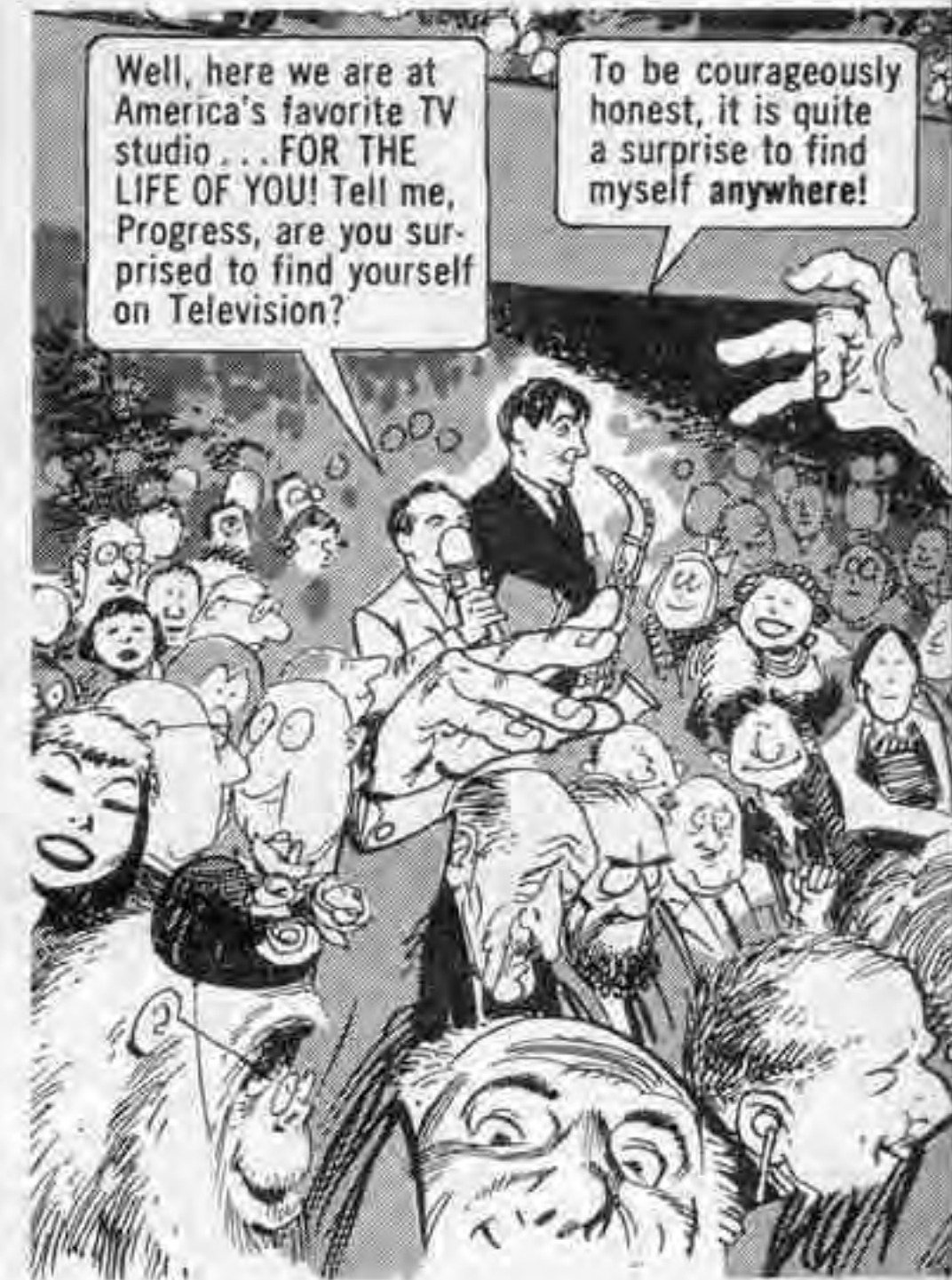
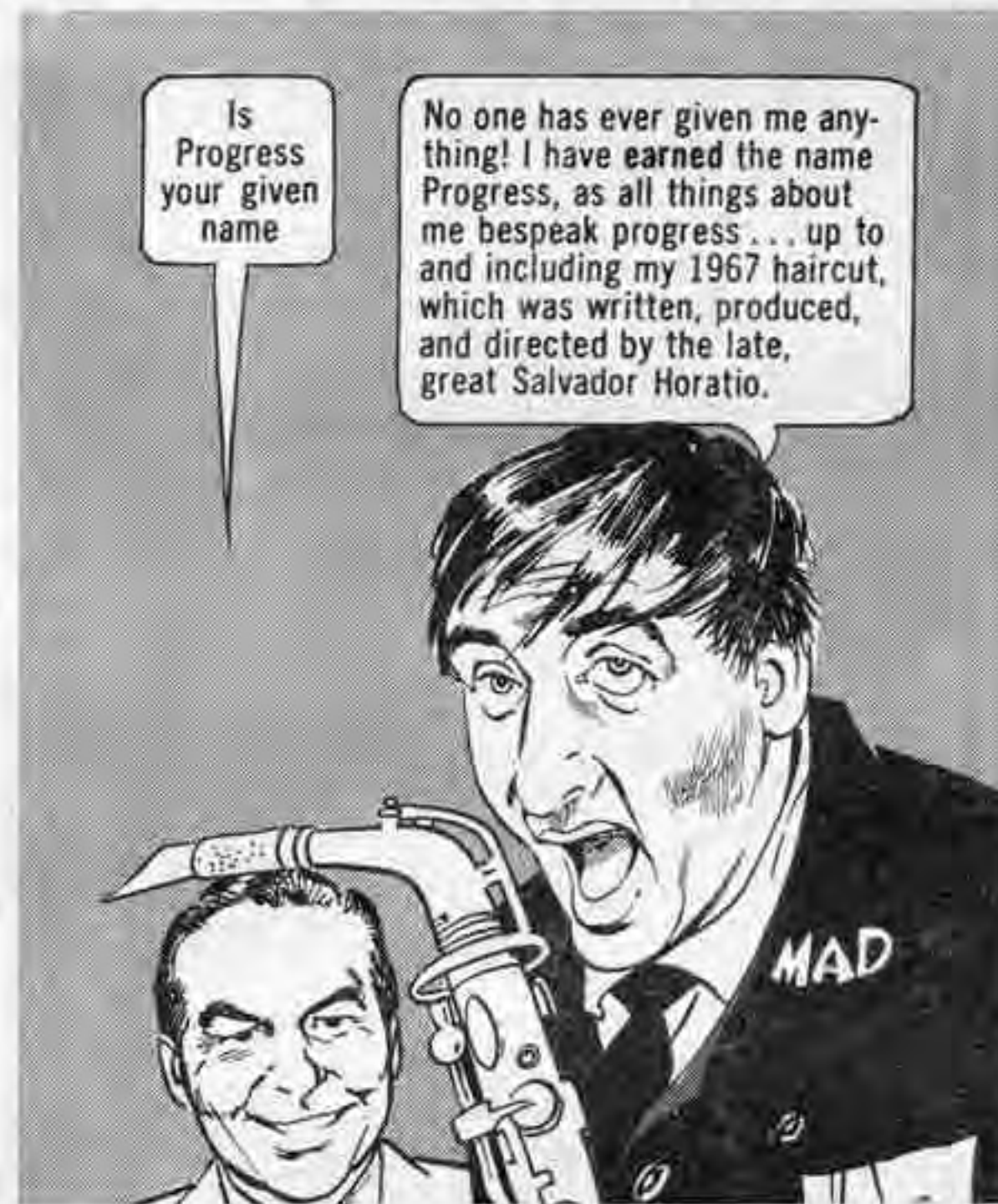
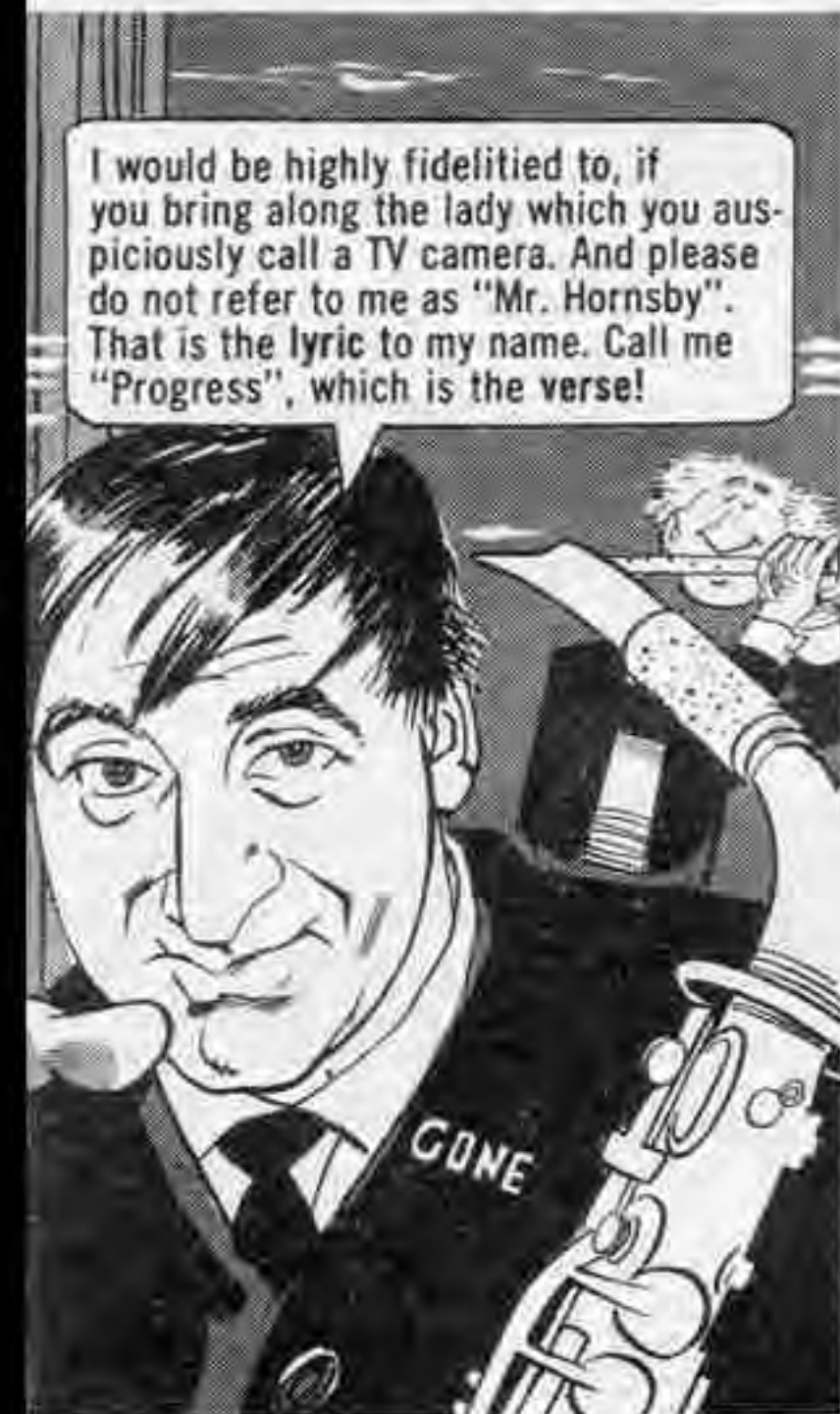
It is as deliberately exciting as it was winning the Jazz Medal for Gallantry! I did that at the Cannes Jazz Festival, when I saxophoned for 87 consecutive hours without once playing "How High The Moon"!

FOR THE LIFE OF YOU! BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BETTER CASKETS COMPANY

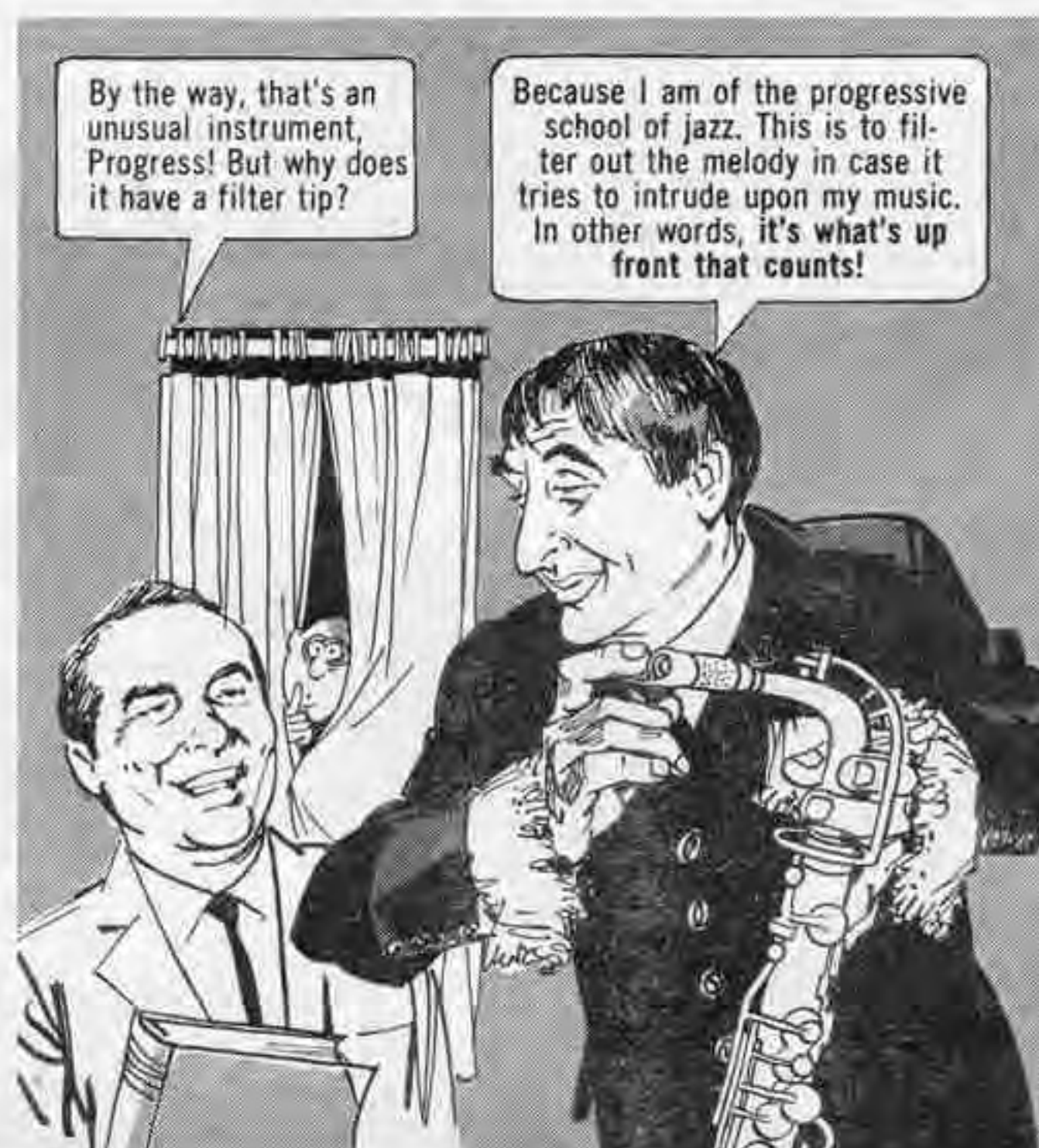


# For The Life Of **PROGRESS** **HORNBY**

WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR MAD BY SID CAESAR



PICTURES BY MORT DRUCKER





I also notice you have an extra valve! Would you mind telling me what that is for?

I would be governmentally inspected to. This valve controls the steam. Sometimes I play so cool, my lip freezes. At that moment, I instantaneously turn this valve, and the superintendant sends up steam, thereby thawing my lip and other facial accoutrements.

Well, time marches on, Progress... and you complete your education. Would you mind telling us what school you attended?

I would be excessively over-charged to. I attended Count Basie High, where I majored in Rest Period, a subject well-represented in most schools today. I once broke the auditorium windows when I blew a high "K" over "J".

But the scale only goes to "G". Why did you hit "K"?

Because it was there! In fact it is still there, beckoning to us jazz greats. One day I hope to hit high "Z". And I am determined to go beyond "Z" and make a whole NEW ALPHABET!

Yes, direct from the Middle East, here is your old friend... U.S. Department of State troubleshooter, Bosley Mandiville!

I am consummated with delight that you could be in my presence... wherever I am.

Yes, Mr. Ralphwards, the people overseas really enjoyed Mr. Hornsby's music, and especially the "cat" who played drums.

For those of you who don't understand, a "cat" is a person... in jazz language.

For those of you who do understand, a "cat" is an animal of the earth people which hangs around on hot tin roofs, making fabulous sounds. We had such a "cat" as our drummer. That way, the rhythm section was noiseless, and did not intrude on my music... or whatever it is I play.

\*\*Judge Crater in "Gone With the Wind"

Progress, would you say that jazz is a science?

The two are not even acutely related! We are 33 bars ahead of them! If Science had gone as fast as Music, it would be moving among the celestials by now, as we musicians are. So my advice to Science is: listen for the downbeat, and then Science will start swinging!

And now, Progress... as a special surprise, we've flown here by jet plane your original combo!

Jet? Sir, you are adroitly behind the times! You have wasted your money! They could have flown here by themselves!

Progress, would you like to introduce the group?

I would be most constructively criticized to. On piano is Shorty Bubble, on bass is Doornet Jaguar, on drums we have One-Stick Haverstraw, on clarinet is the blatantly popular Particular Frosty, and on horn is one whose name we do not know, but his serial number is 7892 dash 450 dash 37, and on saxophone is the fabulous whatever you wish to call me. This is all that remains of our original duo.



Tell me, Progress, how come you don't wear a goatee like other jazz musicians?

Sir, but I do wear a goatee! Only I have dyed it flesh-color, so it does not interfere with the viewing of my immaculate chin.



Progress, here's another voice out of the past you may remember ...

I'll never forget the way people overseas reacted to Progress Hornsby when we sent him there as our "Cool Ambassador" from the U.S.

That is the voice of the State Department personage who launched us on our earthly orbit to Cultural Exchangeland.



\*\*Dizzy Gillespie in "Vertigo"

Progress, you've played with all the jazz greats ...

Au contraire, sir! I have never played with anyone! I do not even venture to play with my own group! Jazz is not the music of togetherness or anything!



Well, say good-bye to Mr. Mandiville for now, Progress. You'll see him later ... at the party.

A party? So-lid! I hope you have RSVP'ed the little lady with the red eye. You may call her a TV camera, but I know better, because she has finally made known her magnificent intentions!

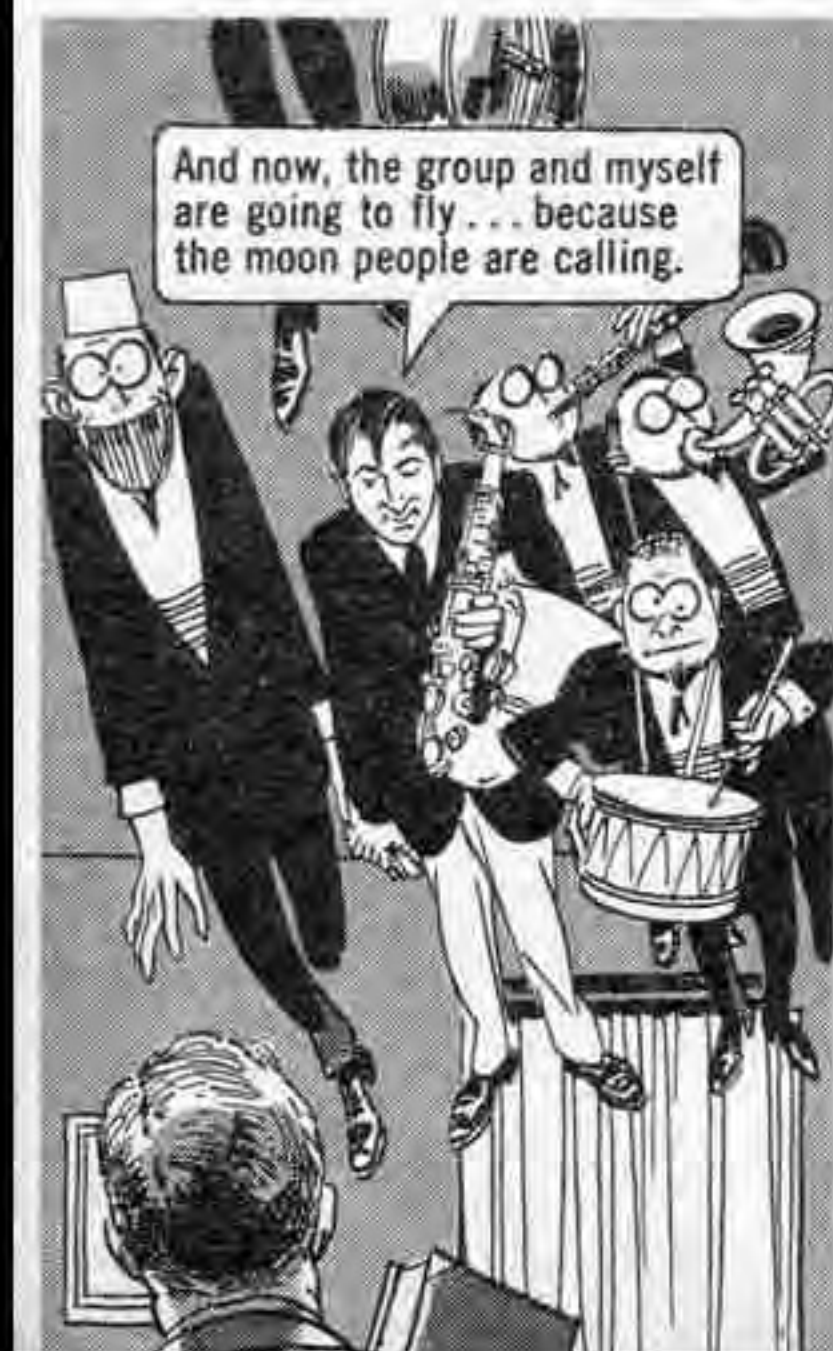


I'm sorry ... we haven't. But we'll have plenty of food.

That is c'est magnifique ... as I love food. Especially when I mix it with my mouth. I have composed a "Concerto for Chewing and Biting", which I hope will be heard at the party ... or someplace.



And now, the group and myself are going to fly ... because the moon people are calling.



But you can't leave! We're making a film of this program ...

Do not be duly concerned about my absence. I will leave my saxophone and you can dub in the rest of me!





There is nothing more infectious and exciting than the shouting and yelling and hollering and screaming of people enjoying a Sport, whether it be Baseball or Football or Basketball or Pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey. And so, with this thought in mind, we now turn the MAD spotlight on the one Sport that can boast of more shouting and yelling and hollering and screaming than any other Sport...namely

# ♠ ♦ BRIDGE ♥ ♣

## THE ARISTOCRAT OF CARD GAMES A GLOSSARY OF

### DUMMY



Every partner you have in Bridge, be it wife, husband, friend or relative.

### POINT COUNT



Player points out and counts number of times partner played like an imbecile.

### VULNERABLE



Player is overly-sensitive and breaks down over comments about her playing.

### WEAK RESPONSE



Partner's hand is not strong enough to withstand forcing bid, passes . . . out.

### FINESSE



Player signaling partner does it with finesse so opponents don't catch wise.

### DOUBLING



Player gets hysterical over opponent's stupid play, doubles up with laughter.





MOST BRIDGE PLAYERS HAVE A CASUAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GAME, AND MERELY CONSIDER IT A PLEASANT WAY TO SOCIALIZE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

# BRIDGE TERMS

PICTURES BY BOB CLARKE

## CALLING BID



Player calls other player's bid what he thinks of it, usually followed by

## OVERCALLING BID



All four players get into act and call what they think of the other's bidding.

## FORCING BID



A player with a good hand informs his partner that a response is *mandatory*.

## REDOUBLING



Opponent resents doubling first player is doing, and so he redoubles him.

## LITTLE SLAM



Player, disgusted with hand dealt him, loses temper and *slams* cards on table.

## GRAND SLAM



Rest of players, disgusted with hands, themselves, and Bridge, lose tempers.



YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT BRIDGE BY FOLLOWING THE MANY COLUMNS IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES DEVOTED TO THIS FASCINATING GAME. HERE IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE, WRITTEN BY THE LEADING EXPERT IN THE FIELD...



CHARLES GROAN / CARDS

## Separating Suits

Neither side friendly  
North dealer



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTHWEST
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♦	4 ♣	5 KIBITZ
5 WHAT? 5 KIBITZ?	WHO'S THE WISE GUY?	NOT ME! IT'S HIM!	WILL YOU SHUT UP!	MAKE ME!
SOMEBODY SOCK HIM!	I PASS!	I PASS!	I PASS!	YOU'RE ALL YELLOW!
OH, YEAH! PUT 'EM UP!	POW!	SOCK!	GRUNT!	THUD!

Opening lead: right uppercut

Here is a perfect example of the effectiveness of "separating suits" when it comes to Bridge. I couldn't help hearing about this hand as it was going on, so I rushed next door to enjoy it.

West opened the heart queen, dummy covered, and East sneezed, scattering dummy's cards over the floor. Then she played the king. Dummy took the trick with her hand. West called a *renege*, pointing out that declarer hadn't played a card. Declarer called West a sore-loser and played the ace. Then she set up her club suit by leading the king, forcing West's ace. Dummy played low, since the cards were still on the floor, and East trumped with the spade 5. West did a double-take and asked to see the trick, pointing out that East had just pulled the bone-head play of the century, trumping her partner's ace. Bonehead wasn't exactly East's favorite nickname, so she threw a small diamond to the table. But West managed to talk her into putting it back on her finger, and East led a spade, pulling West's only trump. West then screamed that his heart-lead had indicated a singleton, and if East had any brains, she'd have led a heart so he could use his only trump to win a trick. So East promptly led a small club, right over West's head!

Meanwhile, South took the trick with her ace, continued extracting trump, and ended up in dummy. Whereupon her husband exploded, pointing out that now she couldn't run the club suit because she couldn't get back to her hand. So South gave him the back to her hand, and showed him! Right across the mouth!

The score was then found to be inaccurate, and everybody decided to call it an evening. In fact, they decided to call it a friendship!

The forthcoming marriage between East and West was cancelled, but not before an ugly court wrangle! The three-year-old marriage between North and South was ended in a quickie Mexican Divorce!

And there you have the effectiveness of "separating suits"!

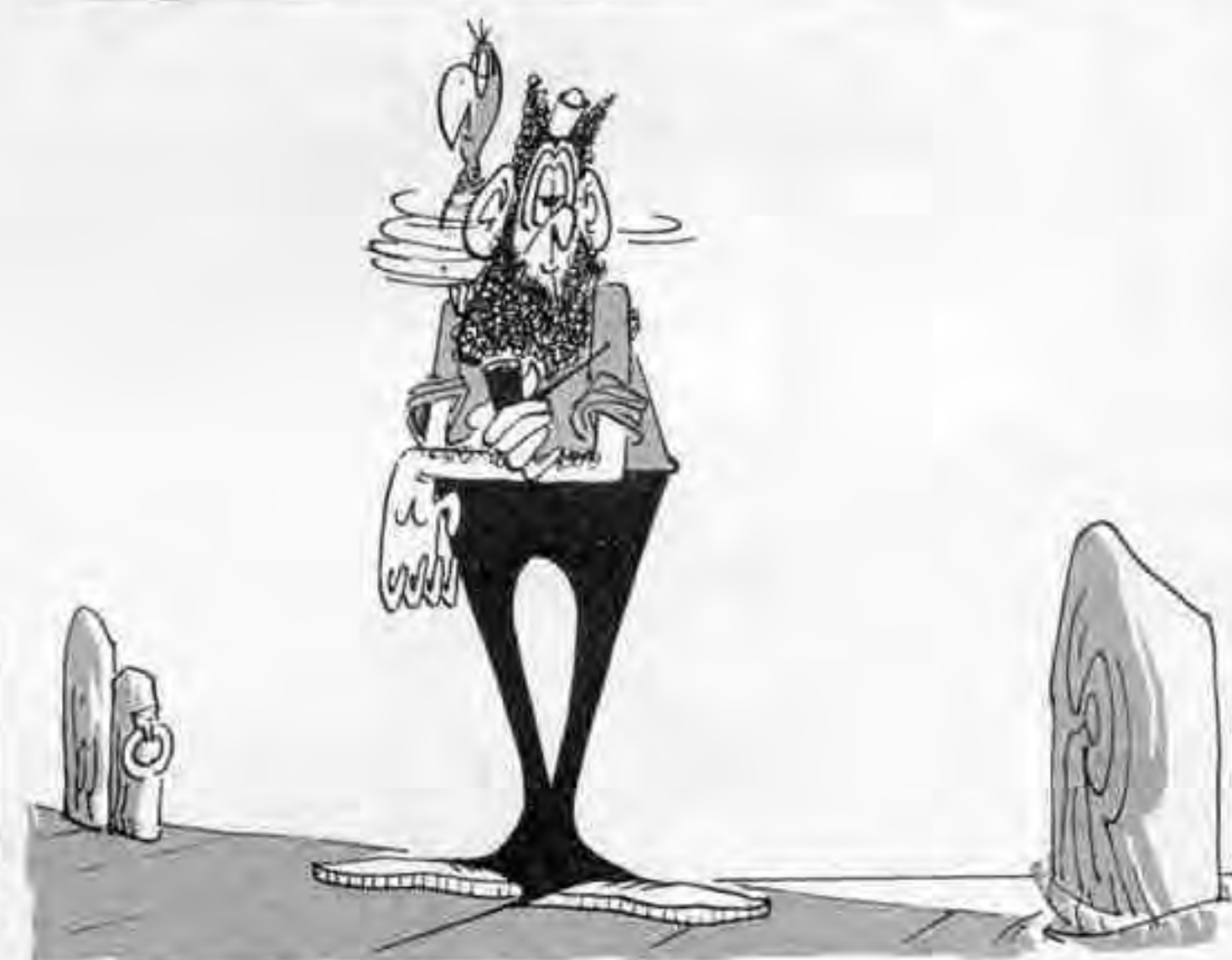
LIKE WE SAID, BRIDGE IS A PLEASANT WAY TO SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS! FRIENDS YOU CAN'T STAND AND WANT AN EXCUSE TO GET RID OF, THAT IS!





And now, Don Martin, who loves the men who go down to the sea in ships (mainly because they leave lonesome women behind), tells about a parrot and his master,

# THE OLD SALT





possible to build up a profitable business and still not be tied down to his job.

## LUCKY MAN FINDS LOST LUCKY PENNY

PITTSBURGH, Pa. May 20—J. Weldon Wembley had been searching for his lost lucky penny for two years. He always felt that he would find it.

This morning, while fingering a torn section in the lining of his coat, his hand touched something round and metallic. Sure enough, it was his lucky penny!

"I always knew I'd find my lucky penny," stated Wembley. "It just proves what can happen if you don't give up hope."

The lining of his coat was torn last night when two hoodlums robbed Wembley of his wallet, then kicked and pounded him into unconsciousness. Wembley discovered the coin after being taken to Mercy Hospital, where he is reported in fair condition.

All is for the best!

## HOBBYIST LAUNCHES BOAT HE BUILT IN BASEMENT

FURDVILLE, Ohio. May 19—Glenn Pladde, an amateur boat-builder, launched his 12-foot dinghy today three weeks ahead of schedule. He began building the boat in his basement last September, and never thought that he would be able to use it so soon.

The early launching was caused by a flash flood which swept through Furdsville yesterday, carrying off Pladde's house, Pladde's dinghy, and Pladde himself. 65 others were drowned in the disaster.

or his day free for leisure. He has been running a successful pillow-stuffing establishment in his own home.

"It's been a honey of a deal," states Fosdick. "All I gotta do is check once or twice a day on how things are going. Why the business practically runs itself!"

News of the venture became known when Social Workers discovered that Fosdick was forcing his three children, aged seven, nine and twelve to work 14 hours a day while chained in the attic. Fosdick is now being held by police for illegal child-labor practices.

Every cloud has a silver lining.

## ACME BECOMES FIRST ALL-JET AIRLINE



T. Finster Moody, President of Acme Air Lines, proudly points to his company's line-up of jet aircraft at La Guardia Airport in New York. Acme has become the first passenger air line to fly jet planes exclusively. The aviation milestone occurred last night when Acme's last three non-jet planes collided in mid-air, killing 246.

accident knocked Frong 40 feet, killing him instantly.

Keep your sunny side up.

## TOWN GETS TAX RELIEF

WEST GULCH, Ky. May 19—The 74 citizens of West Gulch have no tax problems. It was learned today that they will have to pay no Federal, State, or local taxes this year . . . or any year in the future.

A gas main exploded last night, killing every person in the community.

Laugh and the world laughs with you.

## HIGH COST OF LIVING

MIAMI, Fla. May 20—A local man has proven the old adage that two can live as cheaply as one, even in these days of rising prices.

Hector Sedgewick revealed that it cost him nothing more when there were two mouths to feed than when he lived alone. He declared that despite the acquisition of a roommate last week, his living costs had not risen in the slightest.

His roommate was 11-year-old Tommy Goober, whom Sedgewick had kidnapped and held for \$10,000 ransom. Young Goober, now 15 pounds lighter, told police that he was given nothing to eat during the period. Sedgewick will be arraigned on a kidnapping charge today.

Life can be beautiful!

## SEVEN MAGIC NUMBER FOR CALIFORNIA MAN

FRESNO, Calif. May 19—Seven has always been a magic number for Fenwick Gribble.

He was born on the seventh day of August (the seventh month) in 1927.

He is the seventh son of a seventh son.

Both his first and last names have seven letters.

He lives at 77 Seventh Ave.

His height is five feet seven inches.

His weight is 177 pounds.

At 7 a.m. this morning on State Highway #7, he fatally injured seven people in a head-on collision.

What—me worry?

Let a smile be your umbrella  
on a rainy rainy day.



all sorts of depressing stories. That's what you find. And this is bad. Things are tough enough today without having to read about other people's troubles. So we're asking: why don't newspapers try to cheer us up for a change? Why don't reporters and editors realize there's a bright side to even the most tragic story? If they did, we would all be a lot happier reading cheerful newspapers like . . .

ALL THE NEWS  
IS GOOD NEWS

# The Daily Optimist

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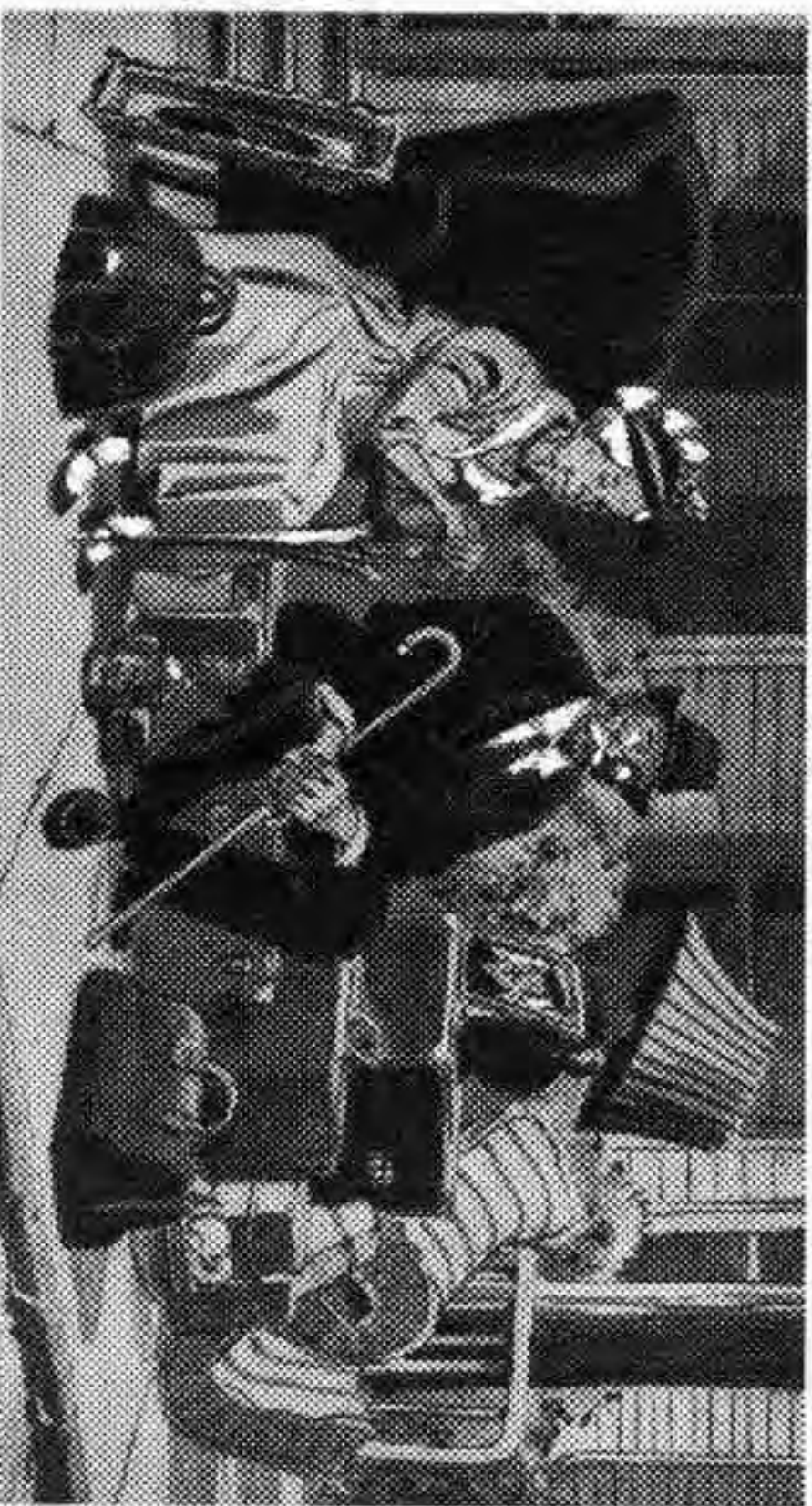
**WEATHER**  
Fair and sunny with pleasant seasonable temperatures except between 7 a.m. and 12 midnight.

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Price: a bright, shiny nickel

## ELDERLY PAIR LOOKS FORWARD TO NEW HOME



Bosley Skaggs, 94, and his wife, Penelope, 87, look forward to moving into their new home. It will be a new adventure for the Skaggs, who had been living in the same residence (above) for more than 50 years. The elderly couple was evicted yesterday by their son, Myron. The new home the Skaggs will move into is the State Home For The Aged.

## EMPLOYER LEADS LIFE OF EASE DESPITE BUSINESS PRESSURE

SPOKANE, Wash. May 19 — A Philo Fosdick has arranged his work so that he has practically all of his day free for himself. It is

## COUPLE STRIKES IT RICH PLANS EUROPE VACATION

NEW YORK CITY—May 19. Felix Farquahr is richer today by some \$50,000. He will use the windfall to take his wife, Lydia, on a long-awaited trip to Europe, via the luxury liner Queen Mary.

### WIFE MEETS HUBBY AFTER 25 YEARS

ST. LOUIS, May 19 — For 25 years, Mrs. Ethel Frong has pondered the whereabouts of her husband, Herman Frong, who vanished without a trace in 1934. Imagine her surprise when she ran into him at 3rd and Main Streets yesterday.

Adding to the coincidence, Frong had been living only six blocks from his wife. "I couldn't believe my eyes," exclaimed Mrs. Frong after their chance meeting.

When she ran into her husband, Mrs. Frong was driving her automobile. The impact of the

"Lydia and me, we been planning a trip t' Europe fer 19 years," stated Farquahr. "I promised her a trip when we was married, but we never had the money!"

The lucky couple plans to visit London, Paris, Rome and other European centers of interest. According to Farquahr, they will leave next week and will spend more than three months abroad.

Farquahr, a landlord, collected the \$50,000 from his insurance company after a fire last night wiped out three of his condemned tenements. Seven people were killed in the blaze which also made 35 families homeless.

Never say die!

## MIAMI MAN SOLVES



Ask most people how they like their jobs, and nine out of ten will look at you, shrug, and say "Eccch!" Why is this? We'll tell you why! Because the tenth one is probably the boss's son! Actually, people today have no enthusiasm for their work!

They have no loyalty! No team spirit! But MAD has just the solution for this! Big Business, Labor and other groups could really instill enthusiasm, loyalty and spirit among their members if they adopted and encouraged everybody to sing these...

\*\*Perry Como in "The Big Sleep"

# ON-THE-JOB MARCHING SONGS

PICTURES BY GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

TEXT BY FRANK JACOBS



## The GENERAL MOTORS Hymn

(To the tune of "From The Halls Of Montezuma")

From the gau-dy grille of Cadillac  
To the fins of Chevrolet,  
We will push G M's new *mo*-dels  
And make obso-lescence pay!  
So to heck with Ford and Chrysler, boys,  
And to sports cars from afar!  
We won't stop till every fam-i-ly  
Owns a brand new G M car!



## The BELL TELEPHONE

### Operators' March

(To the tune of "Cheer, Cheer For Old Notre Dame")



Ring—ring for Bell Tele-phoné!  
We look up numbers when they're unknown!  
We place calls for V I P's!  
We listen in each time we please!  
We are efficient! We are alert!  
We hear the gossip! We pick up dirt!  
Every time a call's cut off, we  
Hang up a vic-tor-ee!



## The Mailmen's Song

(To the tune of "Stouthearted Men")

Give me some men  
Who are Post Office men,  
Who look grand  
When they hand  
Out the mail!  
Men who will go  
Through the rain,  
Through the snow,  
Through the sleet,  
Through the slush,  
Through the hail—oh!  
Doorway to doorway,  
It's my way, it's your way!  
We work,  
Never shirk,  
Never fail!  
When...  
There's nothing in the bag  
To keep us on the street!  
Then...  
Post Office men  
Can all go home and soak their feet!



## The Garbage Collectors' Chanty

(To the tune of "Anchors Aweigh!")

Trash cans a-way, my boys!  
Trash cans a-way!  
Let's hear you make some noise!  
We'll wake 'em up to day—ay—ay—ay!  
Egg shells and coffee grounds,  
Grease from the pan,  
Can't make ear-splitting sounds  
So—Dump that garbage,  
Dump that garbage can!



\*\*Aldo Ray in "The Voice of the Turtle"



## The Dentist's March

(To the tune of the "Air Force Song")



Off we go  
Into that wild mouth yon-der,  
Look-ing for  
Molars to fill!  
There's a tooth  
Waitin' to feel our thun-der,  
At 'em, boys!  
Give it the drill! *Rat-a-ta-tat!*  
We dislike  
Cavities left untreat-ed!  
Teeth look bad  
Full of decay!  
When we're in doubt,  
We pull them out!  
Oh—nothing can stop a Dentist to-day!

## The KELLOGG COMPANY'S Push Song

(To the tune of "On Wisconsin")



Push Rice Krispies!  
Push Rice Krispies!  
Snap, *Crack-le* and Pop!  
While you're at it,  
Push our Corn Flakes!  
Fi-nest of the crop—  
*yum! yum! yum!*  
Shout that each is  
Great with peaches,  
Fresh or from the can!  
And, while you're push-ing,  
Don't for-get  
All-Bran!



## The March Of The Teamsters

(To the tune of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along")



On the street,  
On the road,  
We won't carry a full load,  
As the Teamsters go rolling a-long!  
Make them pass  
On the right,  
Keep your Union Card in sight,  
As the Teamsters go rolling a-long!  
For it's hi-hi-hey!  
When we want a raise in pay,  
We shout out our grievance loud and strong ...  
[Yeah-yeah!]  
And when 'ere we like,  
We just call a strike,  
And the Country stops rolling a-long!

## The Stockbrokers' Chorus

(To the tune of "I've Been Working On The Railroad")



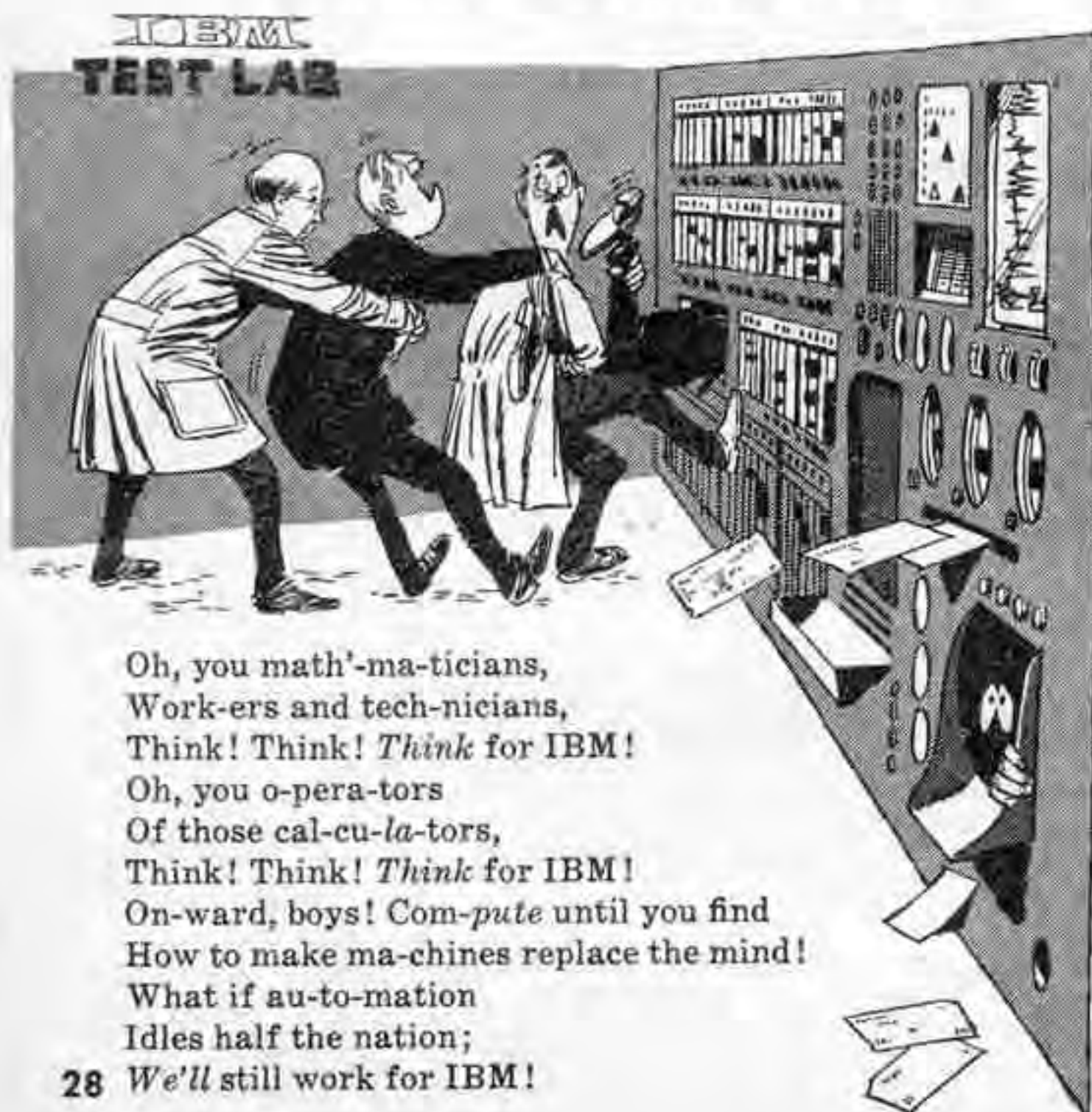
We've been work-ing down on Wall Street,  
Stocks we sell and buy!  
We've been work-ing down on Wall Street,  
And we'll work there till we die!  
Can't you see the ticker flash-ing:  
"Buy now—in-vest your ex-tra cash!"  
Can't you hear the brokers shout-ing:  
"Sell—here comes the crash!"



"Think"—

## The Song Of The IBM Workers

(To the tune of "The Song Of The Vagabonds")



## The Barber's Anthem

(To the tune of "Over There!")



On his hair!  
On his hair!  
Sprinkle goo,  
Spill shampoo,  
On his hair!  
Give that man a crew cut,  
Or try a new cut,  
But make sure you cut  
Off his hair!

In your chair!  
In your chair!  
Give your views  
While he stews  
In your chair!  
Keep on gab-bin',  
Complainin', crab-bin'!  
'Cause he can't get up  
Till you're finished with his hair!

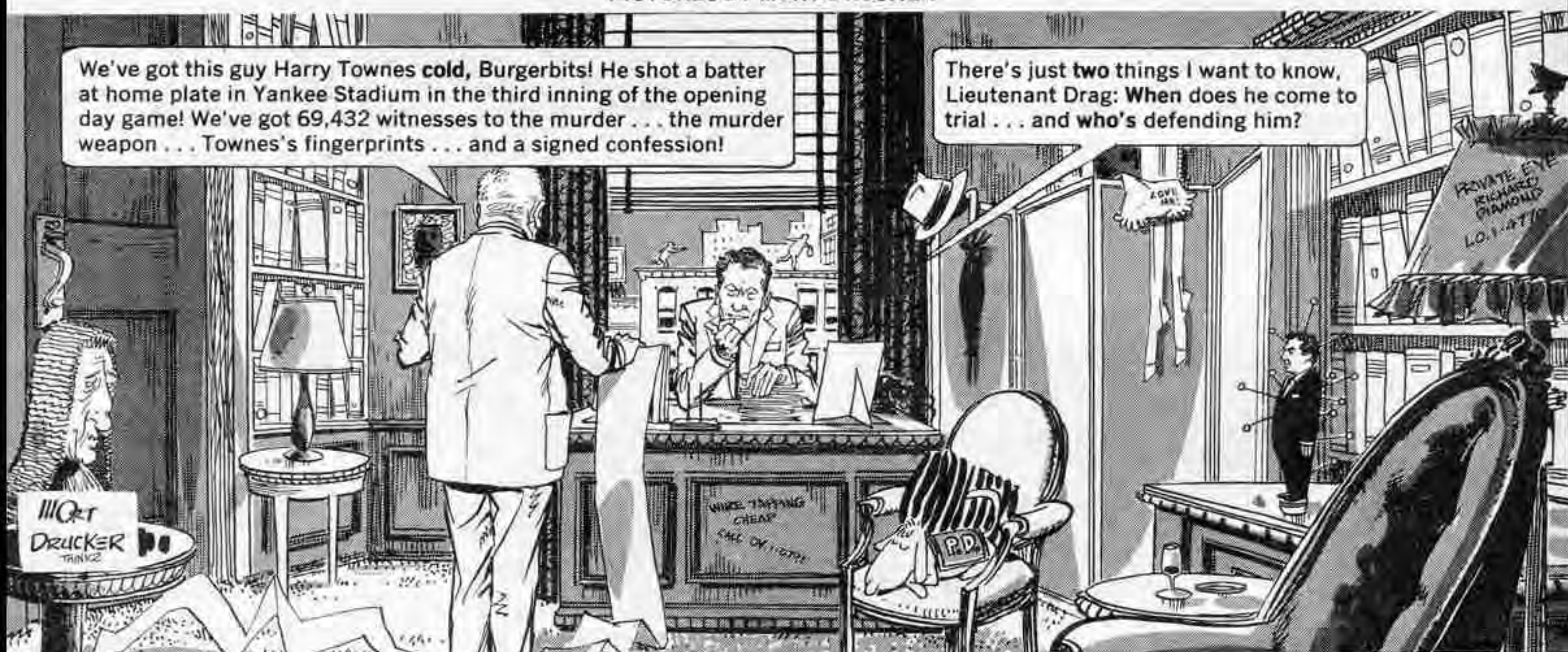
Oh, you math'-ma-ticians,  
Work-ers and tech-nicians,  
Think! Think! Think for IBM!  
Oh, you o-pera-tors  
Of those cal-cu-la-tors,  
Think! Think! Think for IBM!  
On-ward, boys! Com-pute until you find  
How to make ma-chines replace the mind!  
What if au-to-mation  
Idles half the nation;  
28 We'll still work for IBM!



Every single Saturday night for the past two years on TV, master sleuth and legal eagle, Perry Masonmint, has outwitted District Attorney Hamilton Burgerbits. Now, we don't know if this poor schnook of a DA ever wins any cases during the week, but we certainly think it would be a refreshing change if, just for once, we could turn on our television set, and watch . . .

# THE NIGHT THAT PERRY MASONMINT LOST A CASE

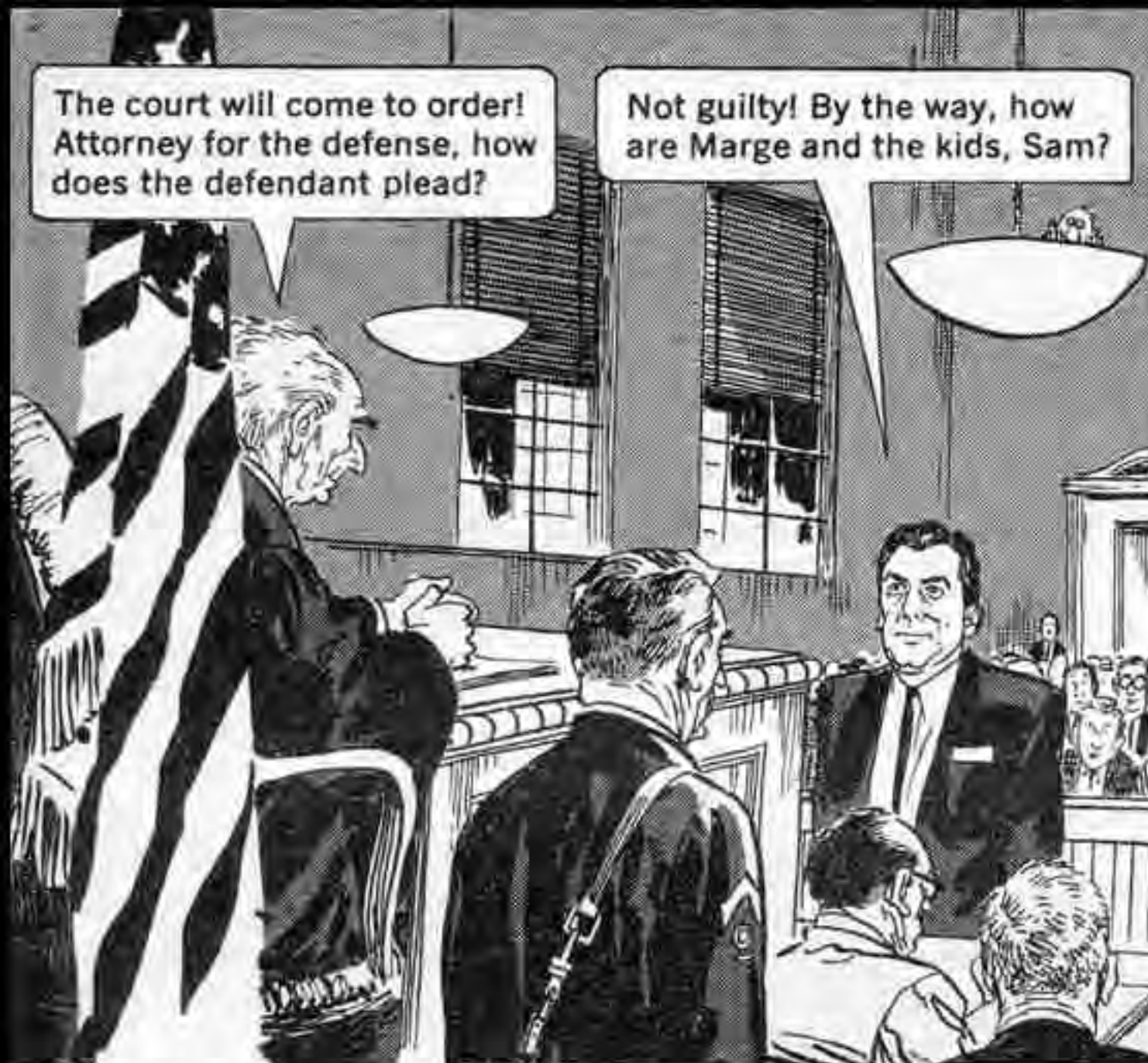
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**\*\*McCarran-Walters in "Welcome Stranger"**







The court will come to order! Attorney for the defense, how does the defendant plead?

Not guilty! By the way, how are Marge and the kids, Sam?



They're all fine, Perry! And what does the State intend to prove in this case?

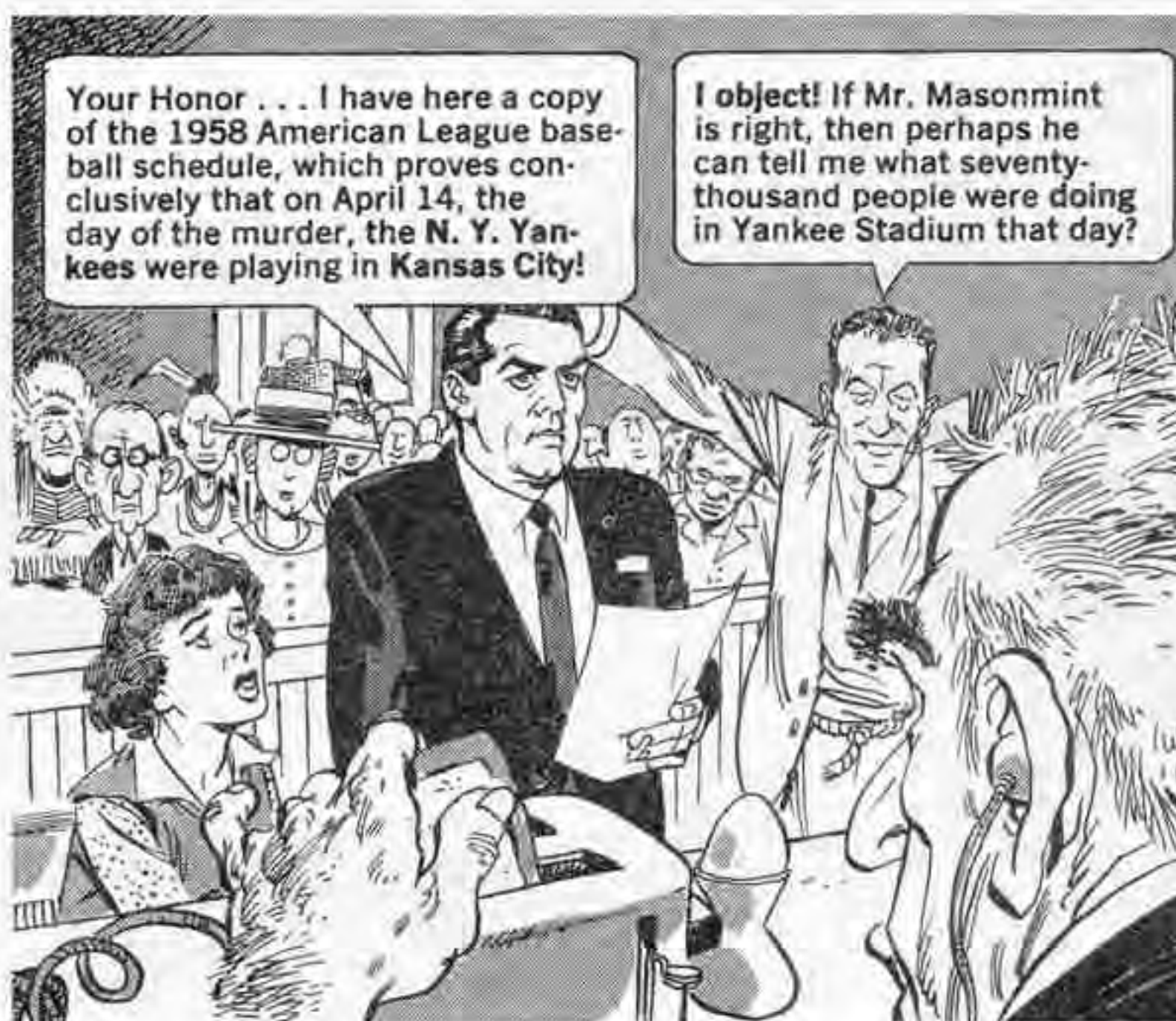
Not much, your honor! I think I got an overtime parking charge here I might make stick!

Then we'll proceed!



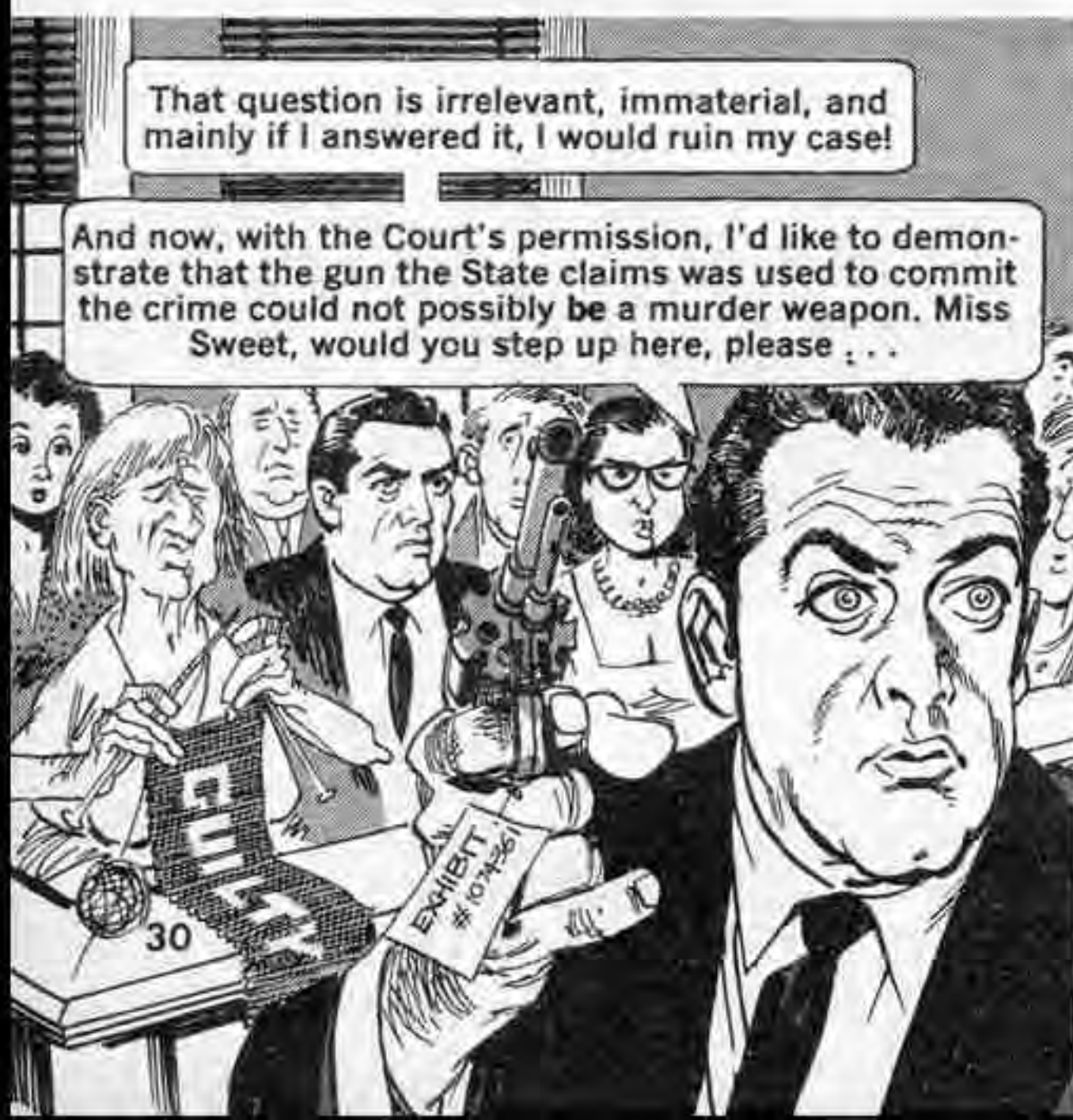
Paul, grab a plane to Cooperstown ... to the Baseball Hall of Fame ... check the archives, and find out how many home runs Rogers Hornsby hit in Yankee Stadium in his major league career!

Right, Perry! I'll be back soon ...



Your Honor ... I have here a copy of the 1958 American League baseball schedule, which proves conclusively that on April 14, the day of the murder, the N. Y. Yankees were playing in Kansas City!

I object! If Mr. Masonmint is right, then perhaps he can tell me what seventy-thousand people were doing in Yankee Stadium that day?



That question is irrelevant, immaterial, and mainly if I answered it, I would ruin my case!

And now, with the Court's permission, I'd like to demonstrate that the gun the State claims was used to commit the crime could not possibly be a murder weapon. Miss Sweet, would you step up here, please ...



I love you, Perry!

Not now, Dellal

Your Honor, according to the District Attorney's theory, this is the angle that the gun was fired from! I'll just pull the trigger ... and ...



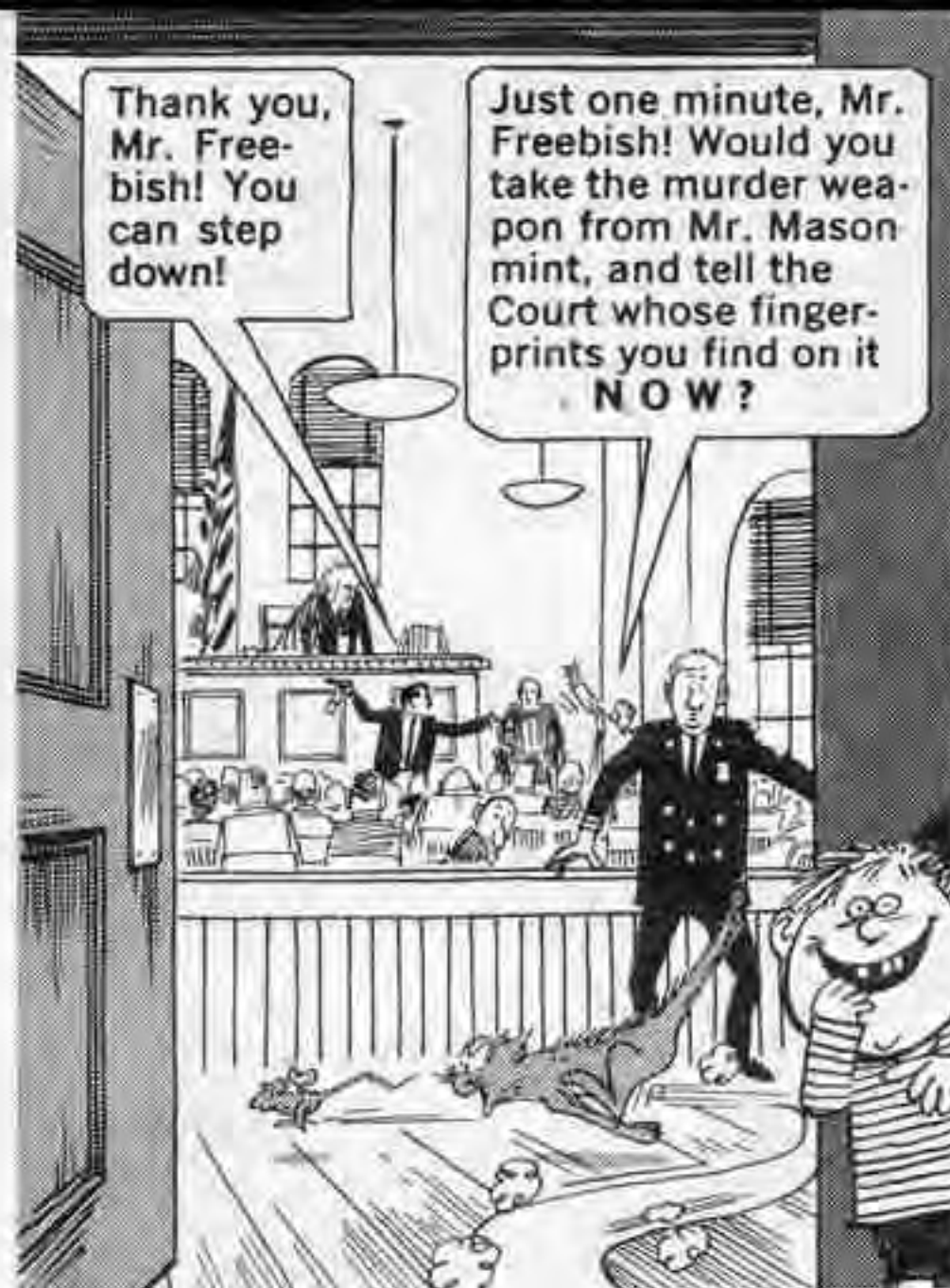






You mean to tell the Court you found all those fingerprints on this gun?

Not on the entire gun! Those were just on the barrel! We're still working on the handle!



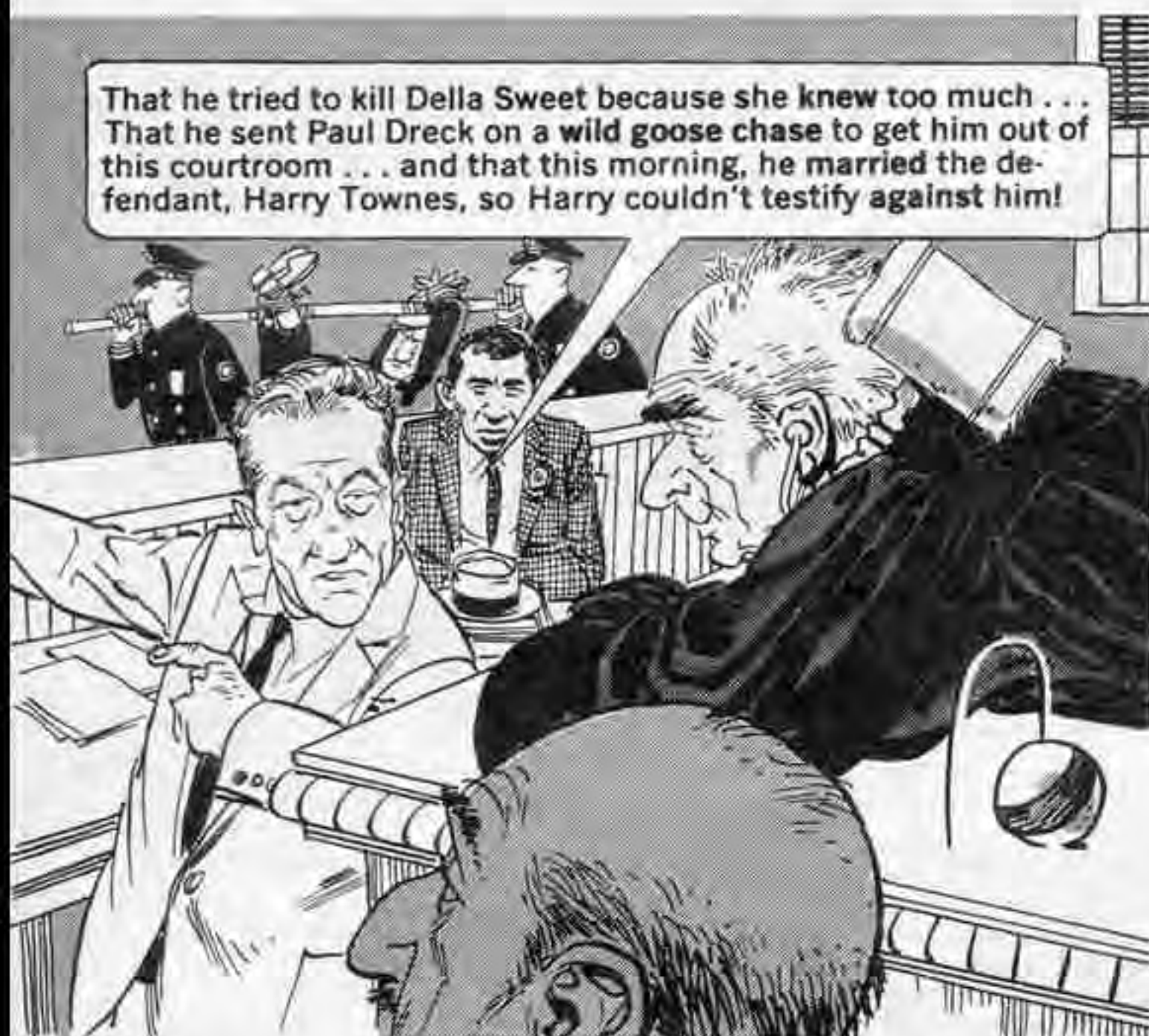
Thank you, Mr. Freebish! You can step down!

Just one minute, Mr. Freebish! Would you take the murder weapon from Mr. Masonmint, and tell the Court whose fingerprints you find on it NOW?

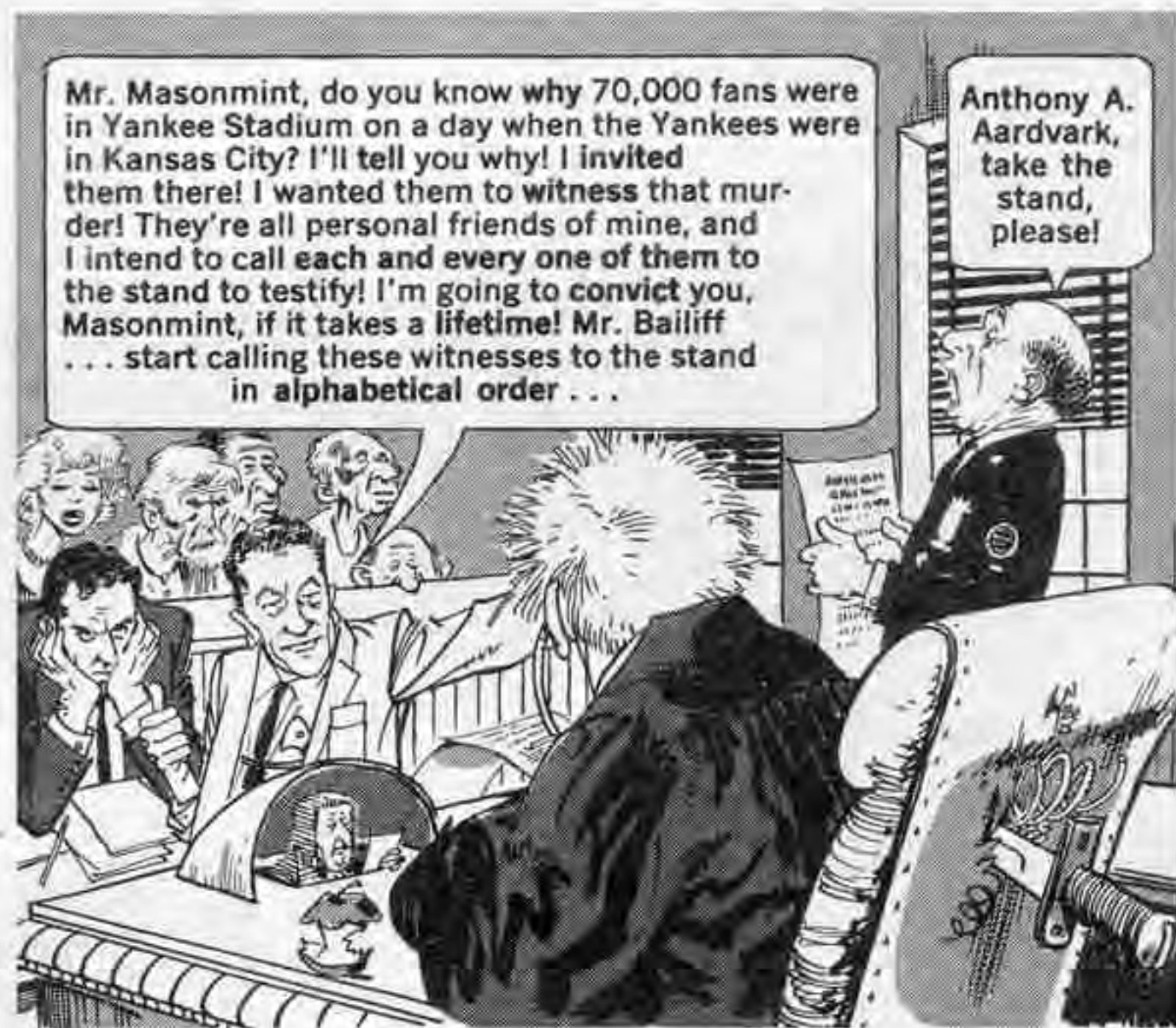


PERRY MASONMINT'S!

Exactly! Your Honor, I contend that Perry Masonmint committed this murder!



That he tried to kill Della Sweet because she knew too much . . . That he sent Paul Dreck on a wild goose chase to get him out of this courtroom . . . and that this morning, he married the defendant, Harry Townes, so Harry couldn't testify against him!



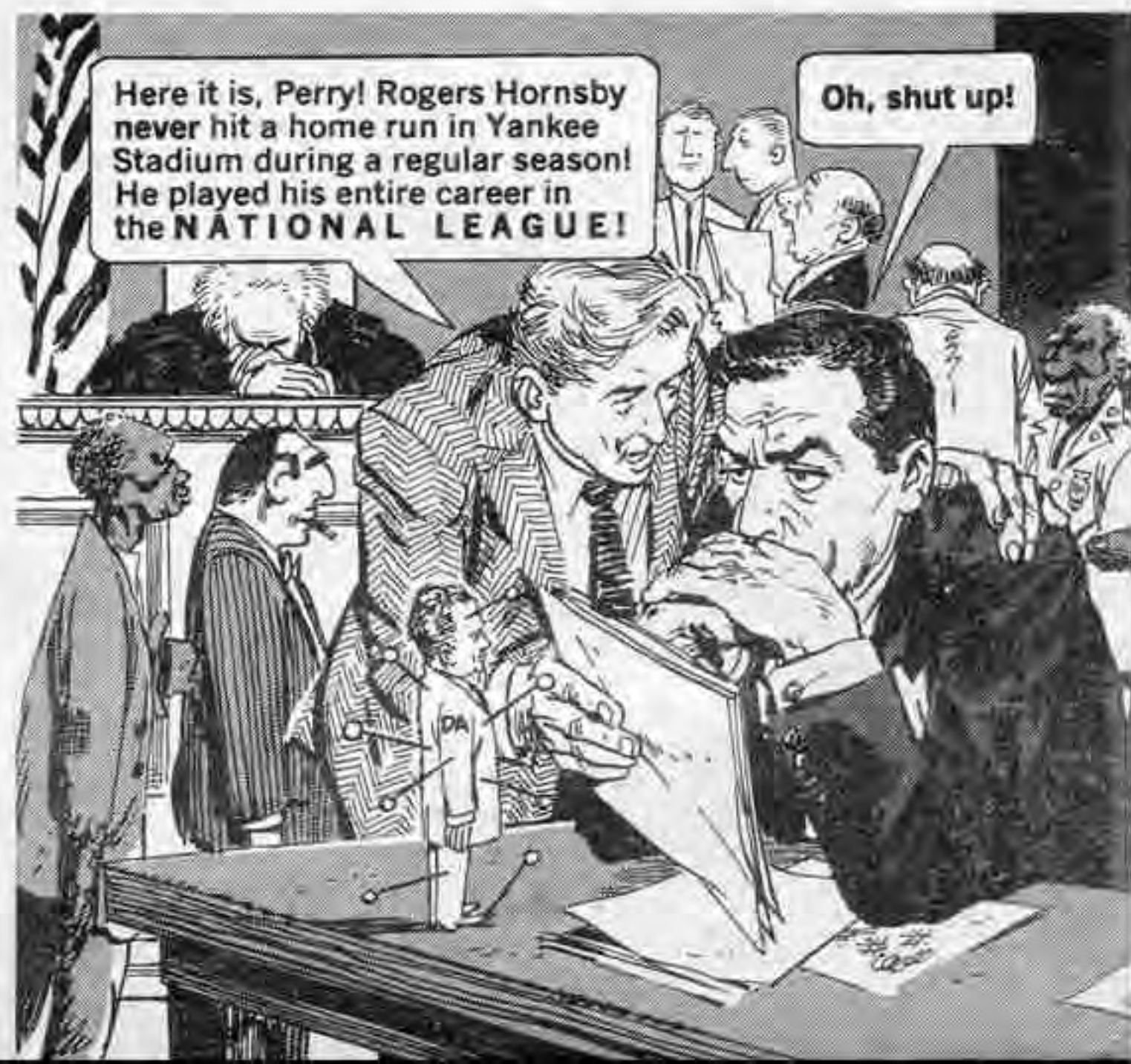
Mr. Masonmint, do you know why 70,000 fans were in Yankee Stadium on a day when the Yankees were in Kansas City? I'll tell you why! I invited them there! I wanted them to witness that murder! They're all personal friends of mine, and I intend to call each and every one of them to the stand to testify! I'm going to convict you, Masonmint, if it takes a lifetime! Mr. Bailiff . . . start calling these witnesses to the stand in alphabetical order . . .

Anthony A. Aardvark, take the stand, please!



Where did I go wrong, Della?

Burgerbits tricked you, Perry! This is Friday night!



Here it is, Perry! Rogers Hornsby never hit a home run in Yankee Stadium during a regular season! He played his entire career in the NATIONAL LEAGUE!

Oh, shut up!

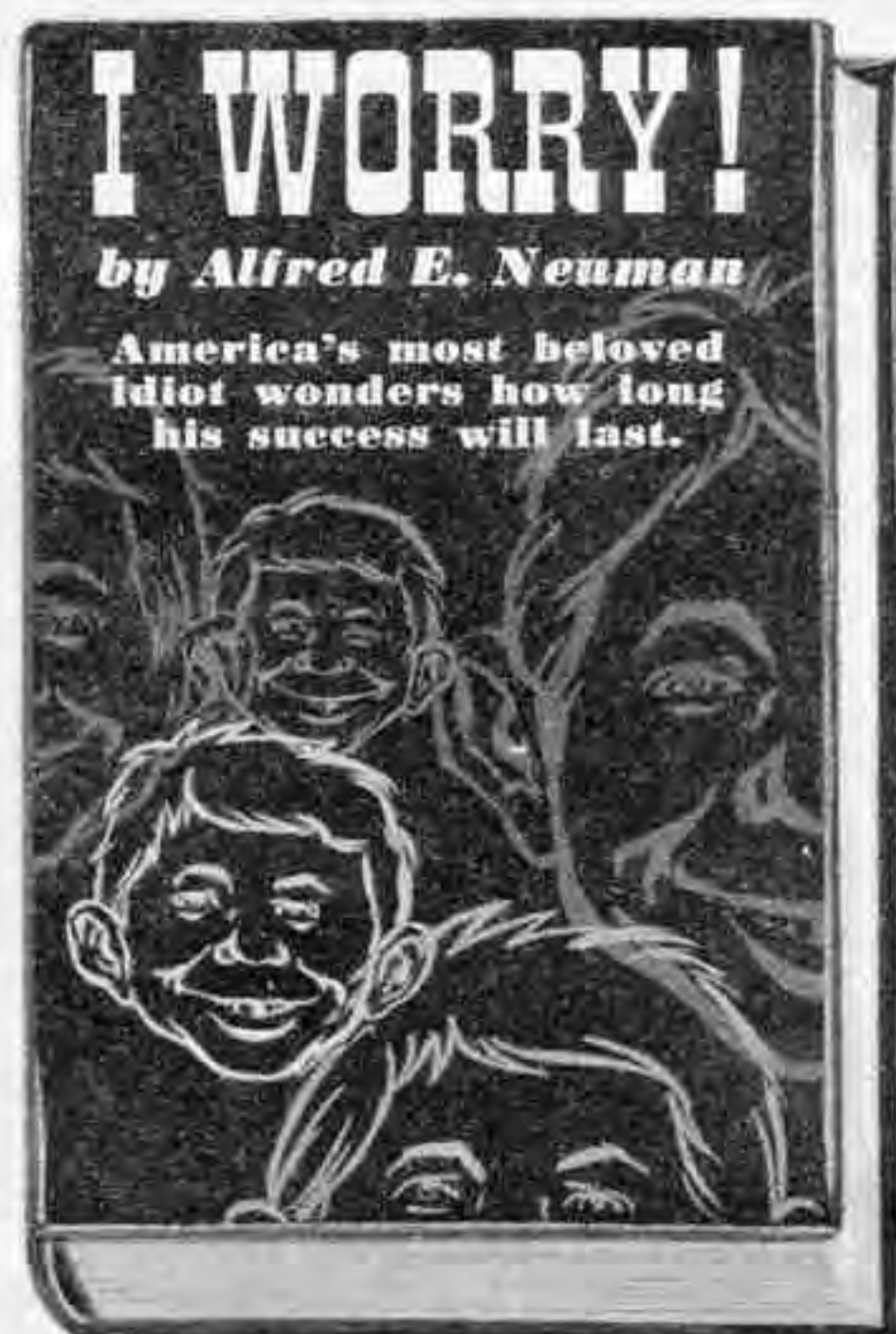
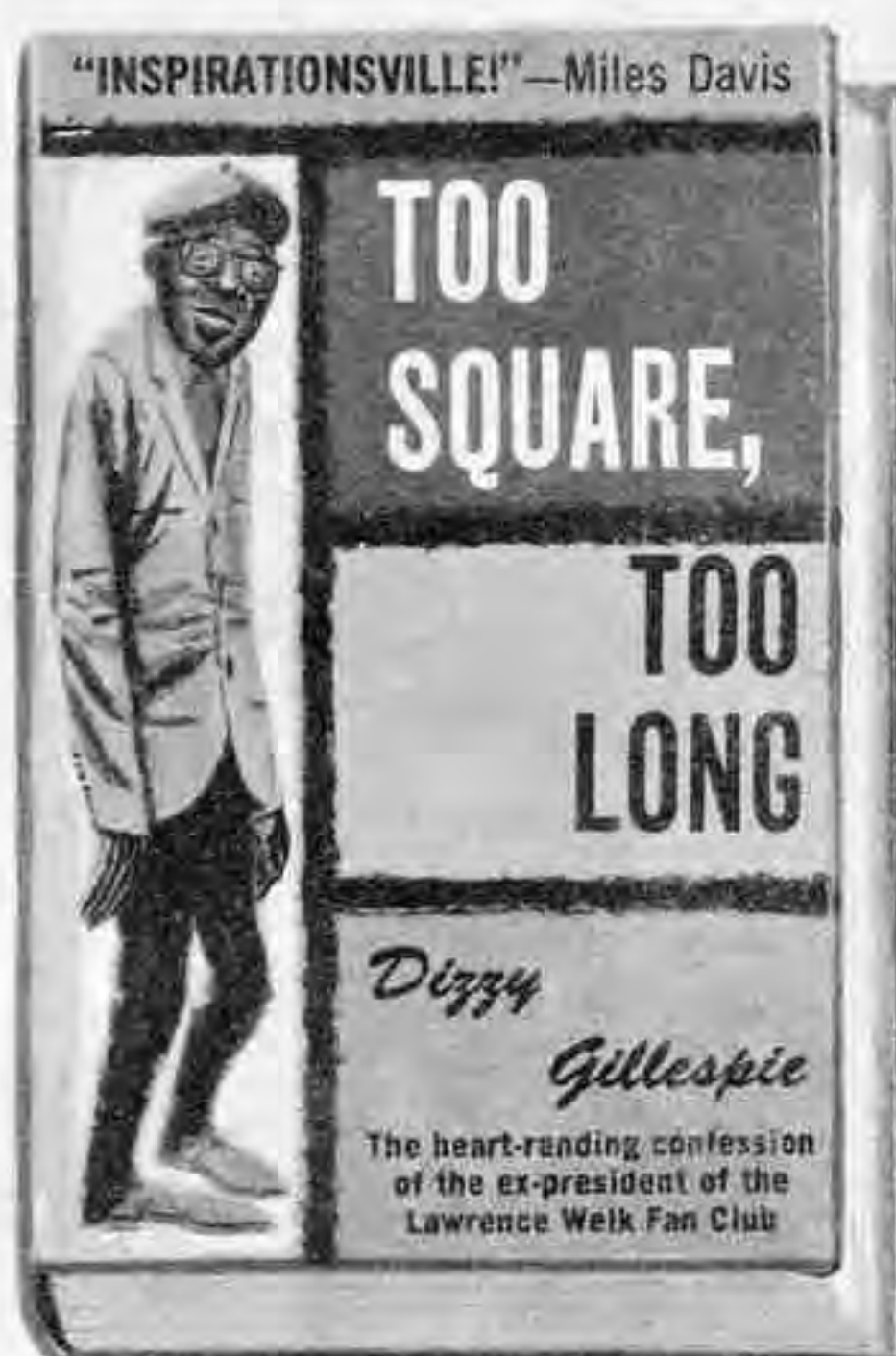
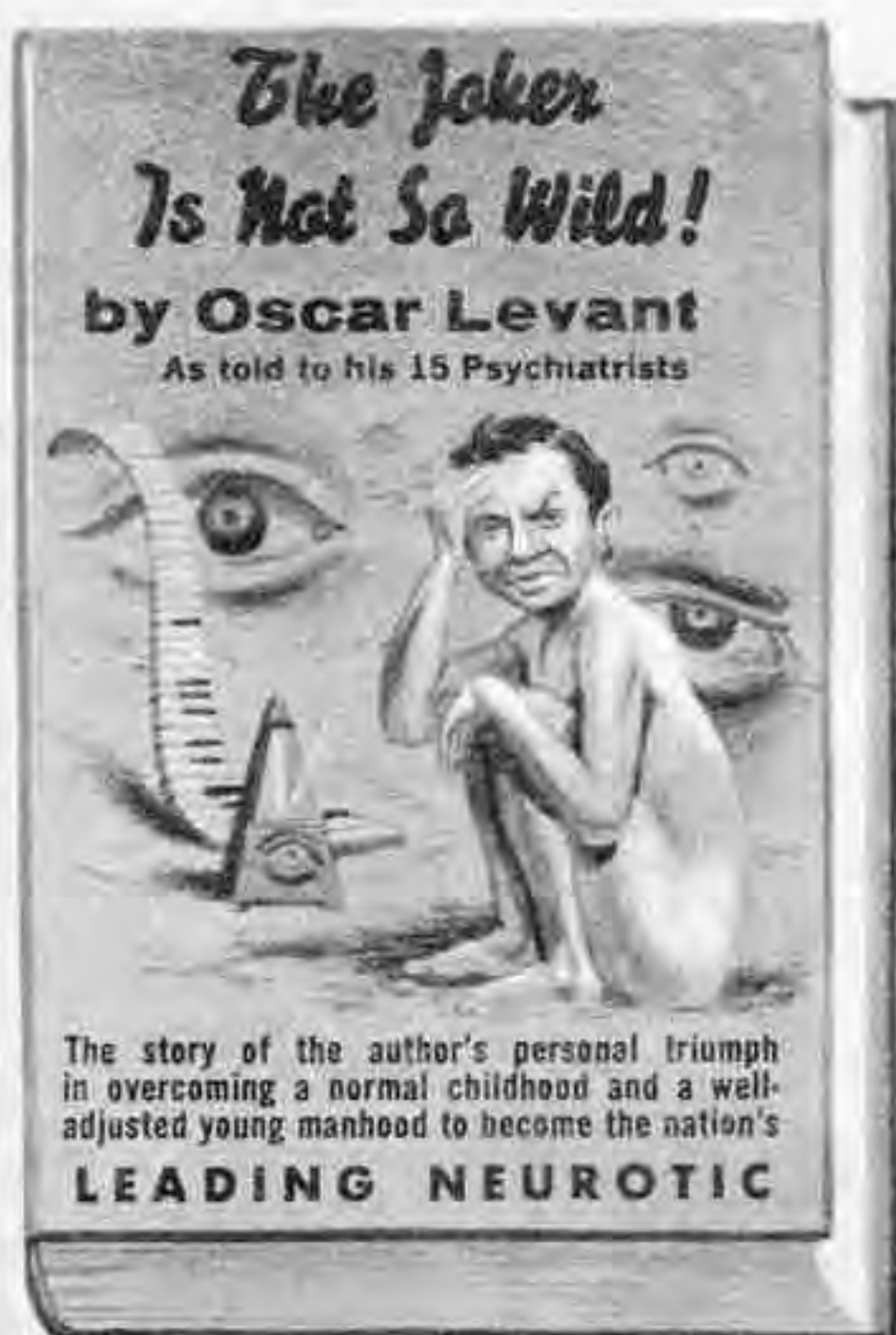
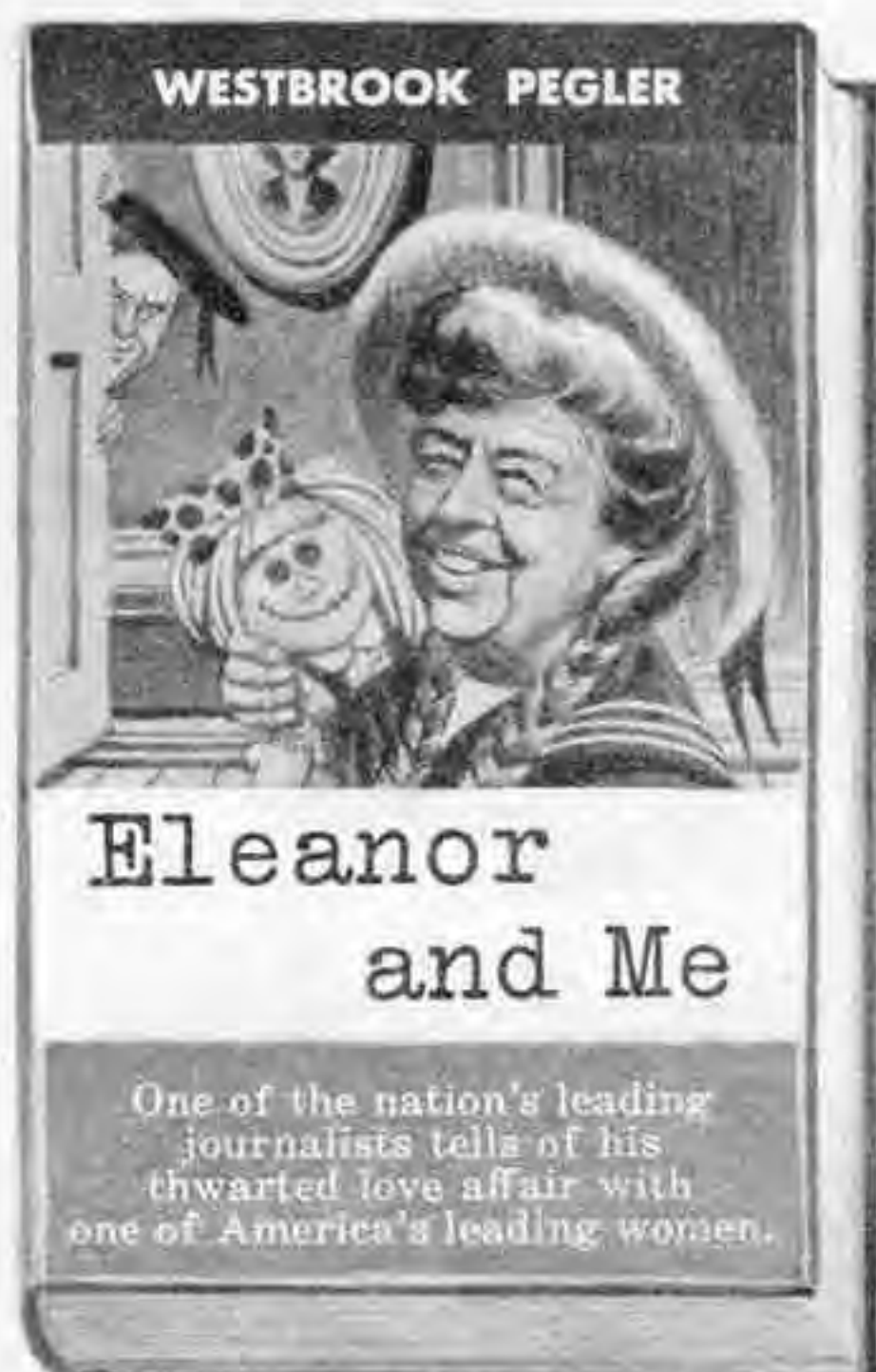
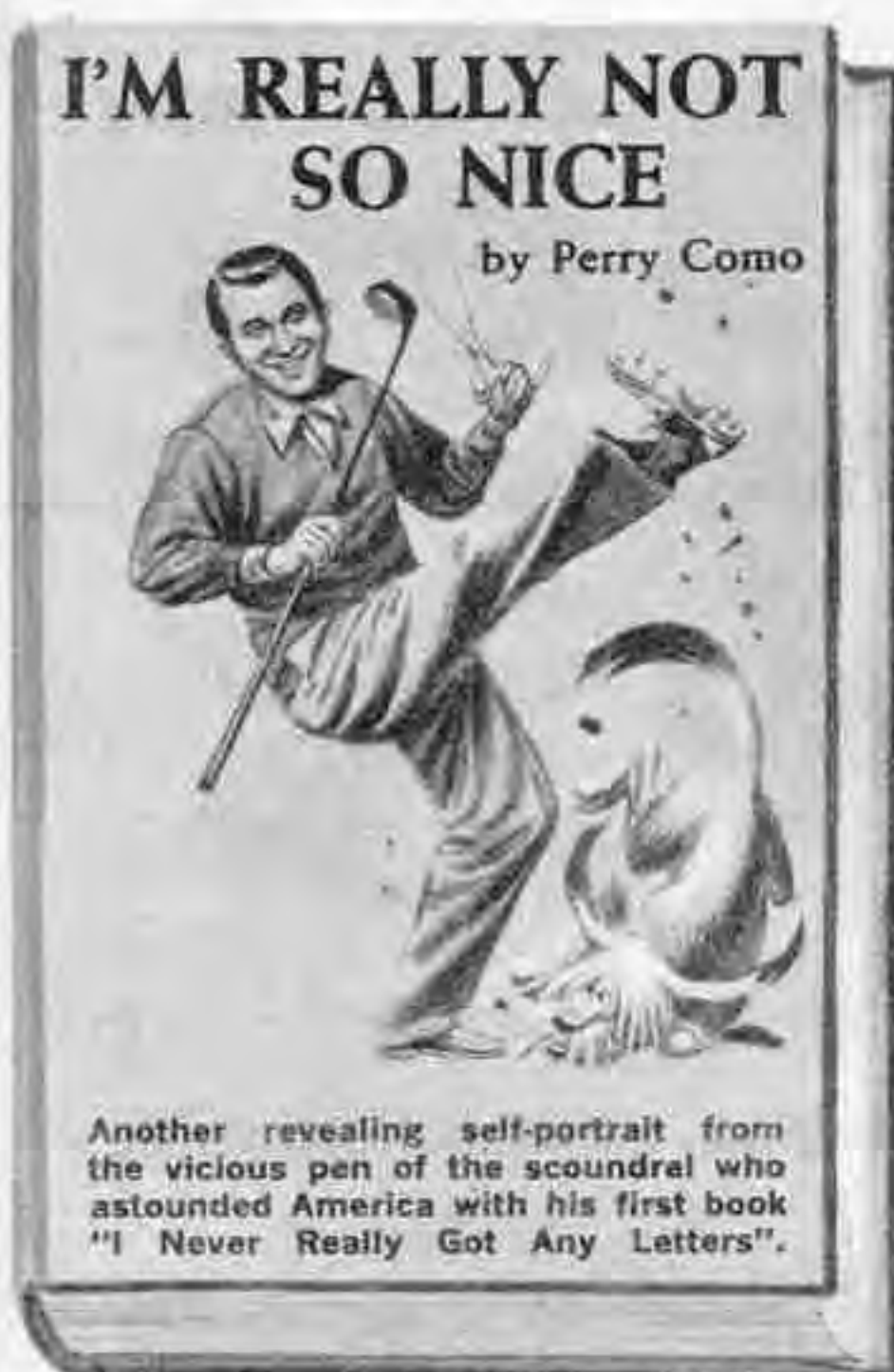


## CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SALE DEPT.

The newest literary trend seems to be these confession-type books in which the writer, usually a well-known personality, lays bare his soul and tells all; books like "I'll Cry Tomorrow", "The Joker Is Wild", and "Too Much, Too Soon". Not only have these revealing

autobiographies become best-sellers, they've also been made into movies thereby earning additional revenue for their authors. MAD feels that the success of these books will encourage other celebrities to hop on the bandwagon and before long we'll be seeing these . . .

# FUTURE "CONFESSION" BOOKS





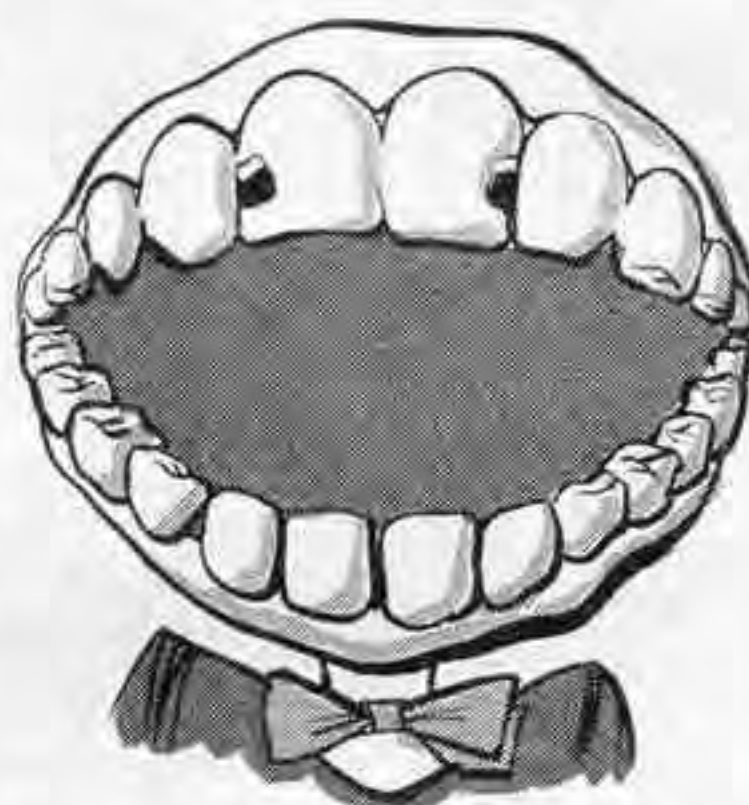
If you're a fella, you probably have a good idea what you look like from staring into your bathroom mirror while shaving. (And if you're a girl, you probably have a good idea what you look like from staring into your compact mirror while shaving.) But the truth is . . . other people see you a lot differently than you see yourself. Because people who know you have their own way of recognizing you. So, with this article, MAD shows . . .

# How

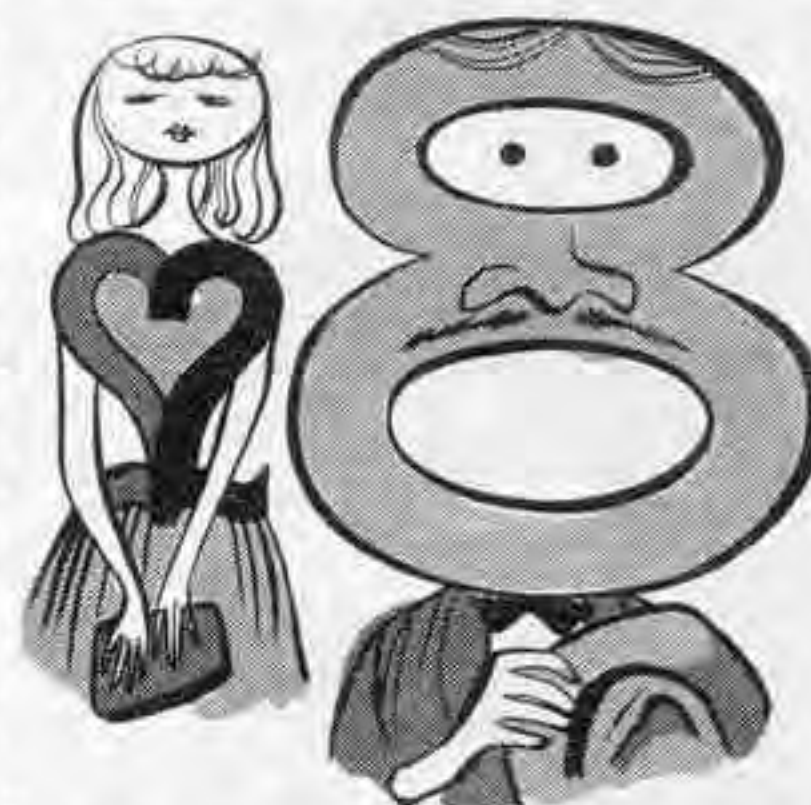
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**YOUR NEWSDEALER**



HOW YOU LOOK TO  
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HOW YOU LOOK TO  
**YOUR ELEVATOR MAN**



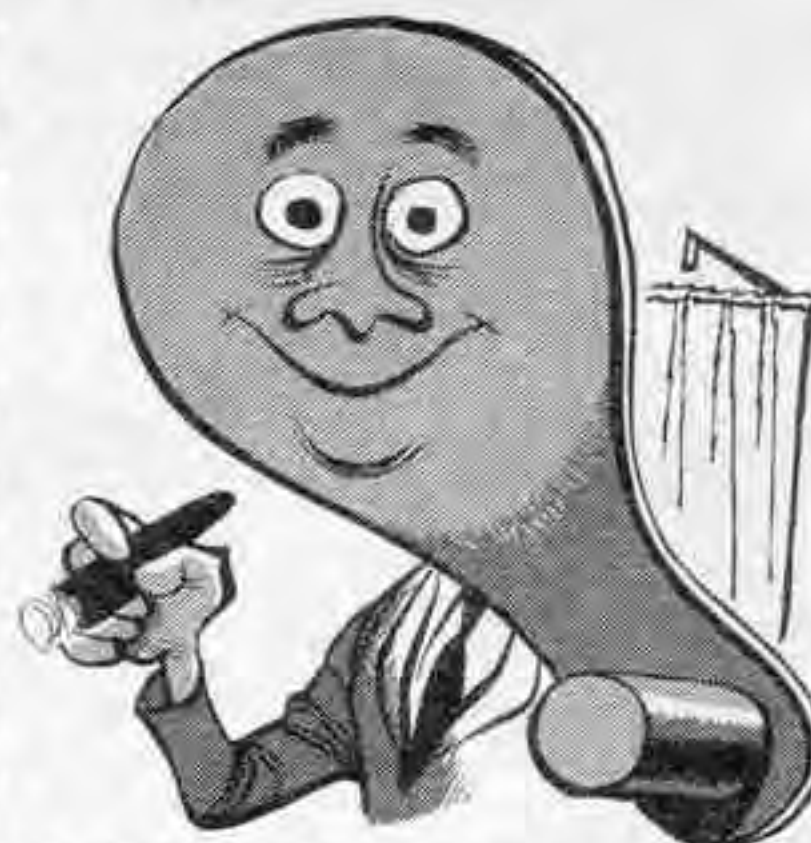
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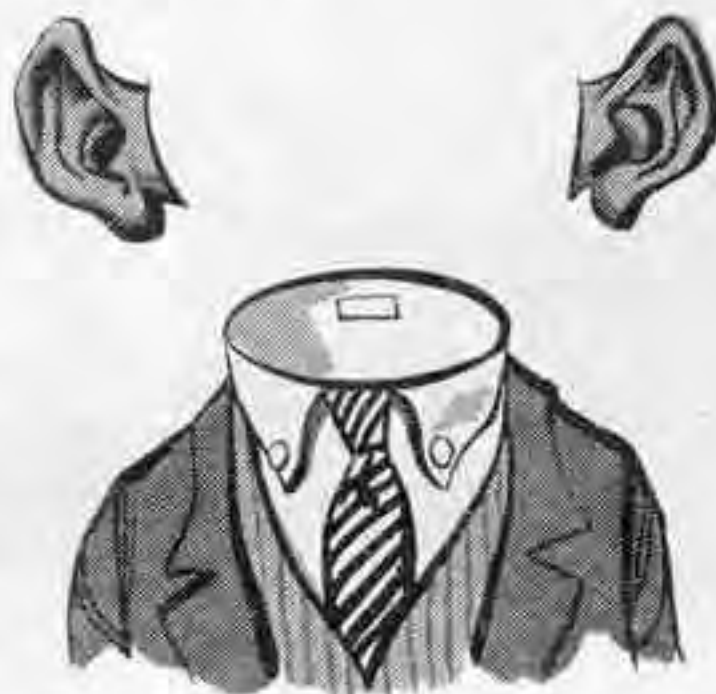
# You Look to Other People

PICTURES BY BOB CLARKE

HOW YOU LOOK TO  
**YOUR DOCTOR**



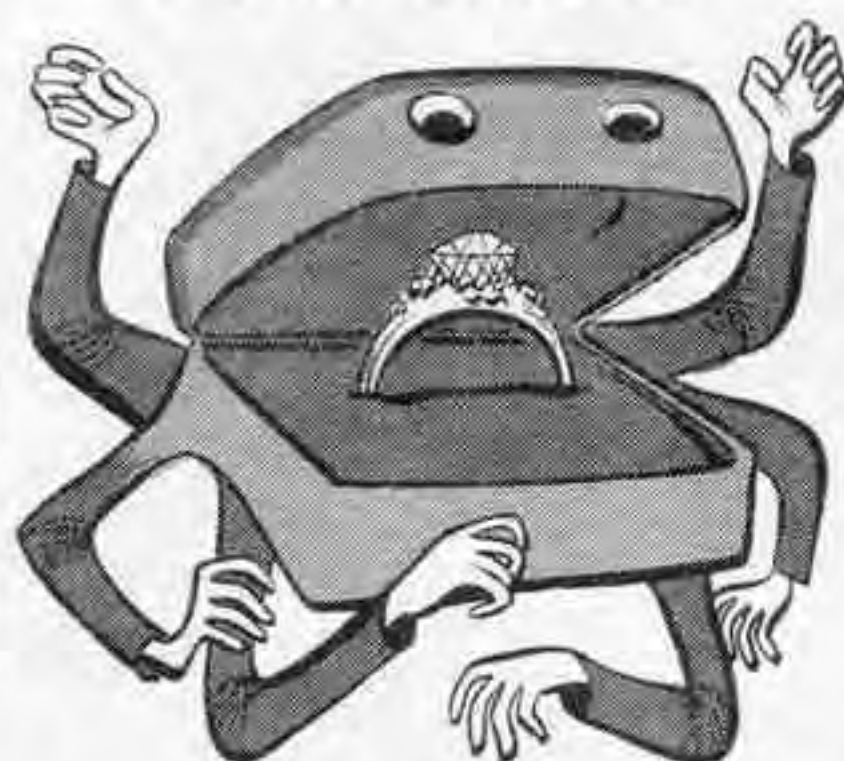
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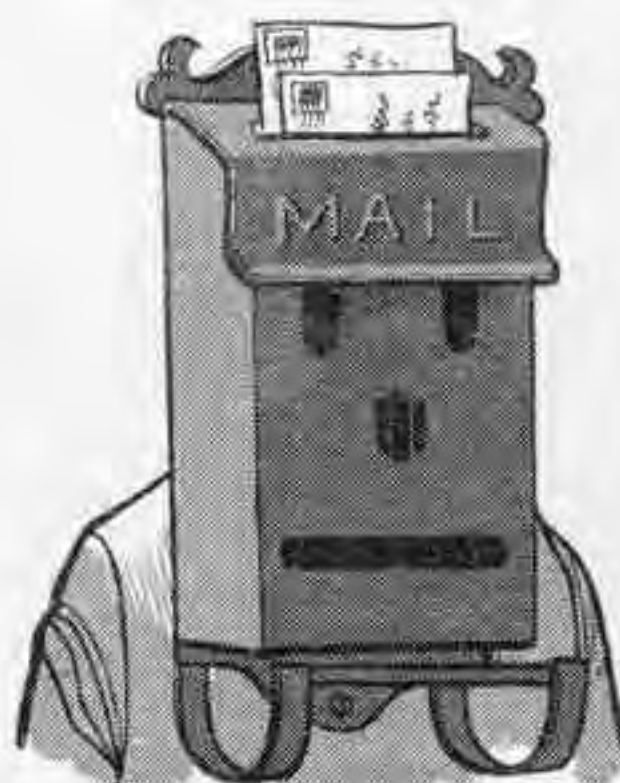
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**YOUR POSTMAN**



HOW YOU LOOK TO  
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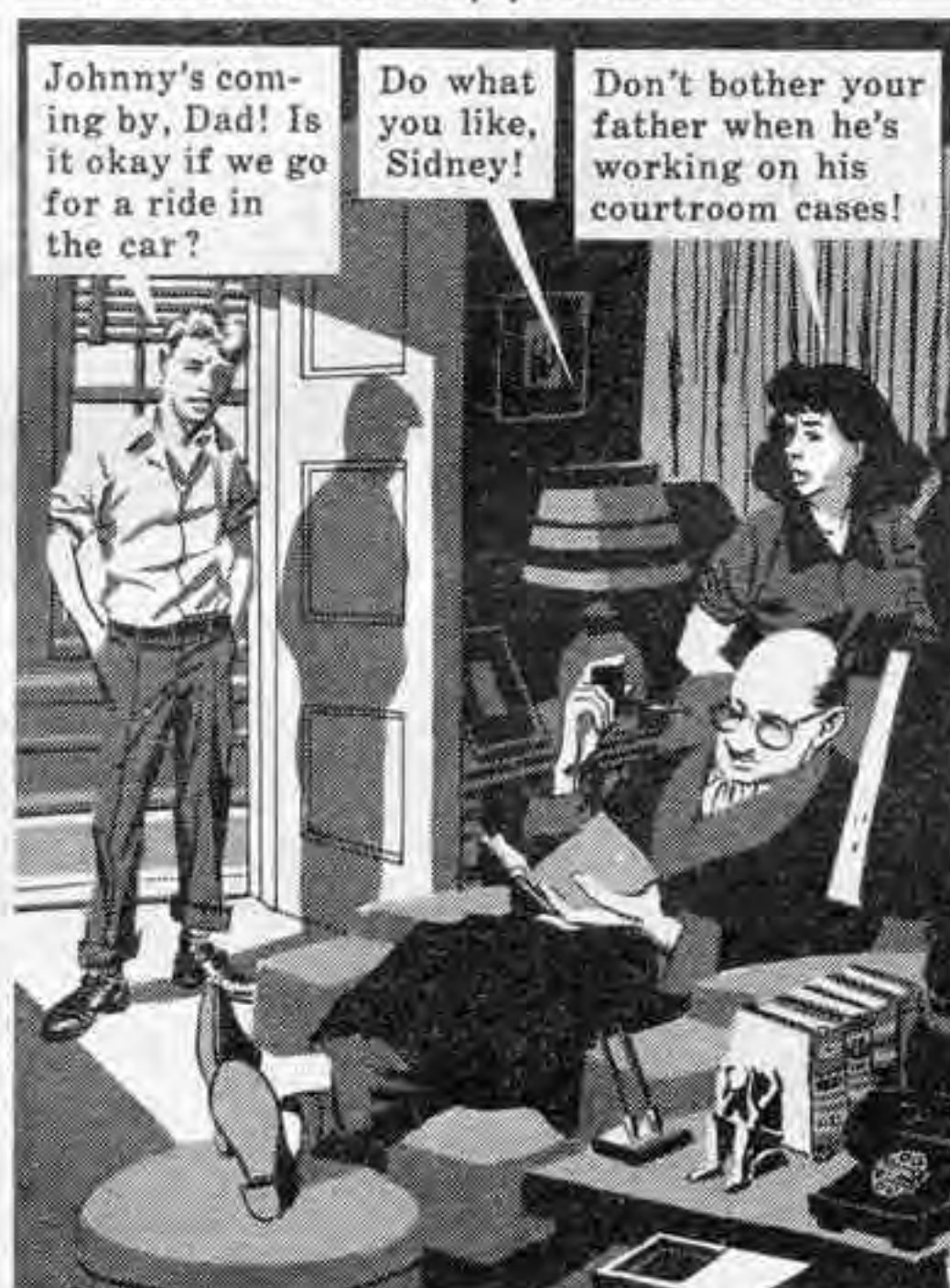
Whenever we see one of those hour-long TV dramas, we're thankful that there's a place where people can see the works of talented American writers performed as they were written! Namely, Broadway! Because most TV dramas these days are

# How A Television

Here is the original script as it was first written by the Author, who has also included his personal comments:



In this play, I show how it is possible for a boy to have all the benefits of a good home, and still feel unwanted. The first scene shows how Sidney's father, a judge, is too involved in courtroom work to pay attention to his son.



This next scene shows Sidney's feelings toward his father . . . his resentment at being ignored. This lack of companionship between father and son is really what drives Sidney into seeking the friendship of a mixed-up boy like Johnny.



PICTURES BY WALLACE WOOD

From the Author, the script then went to the Script Editor of the program who made the following changes and comments:



This is a fine script! Let's not touch a thing! Except . . . how many boys have fathers who are judges? One out of 5000? That's why I've made the old man a professional golfer. My old man was a professional golfer, and he ignored me!



Nothing to be changed here, except I don't feel we should sympathize with the boy too much. So I've made him a mechanical genius, an egghead. That way it really isn't so much the old man's fault. I know! I've got an egghead for a son!





pretty sad! In fact, we've often wondered what happens to a TV script once the writer turns it in. Recently, a network spy sent us the following material from a play to be presented on the Globber Playhouse which clearly shows

# Script Is Born

Goaded by Johnny, Sidney drives wildly through town until he accidentally strikes down a dog. He is immediately sorry for what he has done, but lacks the moral fiber to stop and face the dog's owner, so he speeds away from the scene.

This scene depicts Sidney's moment of manhood. We see that he is basically a responsible person when he confesses what has happened to the judge. We also see the judge's moment of truth when he realizes his own failings as a father.

Confronted by the dog's owner, the judge faces a difficult decision. As a father, he is guilty of neglecting his son. But as a judge, he must be impartial. He decides, therefore, to bring the actions of his son (and himself) to trial.



Note that I've changed the Caddy to a Jaguar here. I own a Jag myself, and I know how keen they are! Also note that I've eliminated the dog-killing. Those A. S. P. C. A. phone calls can be murder, so why go looking for trouble?

This scene is okay, except it misses the boat. Sidney's father isn't upset; in fact he's sort of pleased to find his kid is human, and isn't so perfect. After all, that's the way I'd act if it happened to that smart-aleck kid of mine.

This scene lacked warmth, so I've fixed it. By offering to buy Sidney his own Jaguar, the old man turns out to be a swell guy, and everybody is happy, which always makes a good ending. I know it's the kind of ending my family'd like.





From the Script Editor, the play then went to the Advertising Agency TV Director who read it and made these changes:



Scriptwise, this play is great. But I was just a little bothered by the father, so I've eliminated him. I've also changed the boy's name from Sidney to Steve—sounds more American. We can't afford to offend the American Legion!



Note that Steve and his friend, Bill (the name "John" is distasteful, reminds people of John Wilkes Booth!), are no longer boy mechanics. The real mechanics in the country might be offended, and we don't want to appear anti-union.



Wallis Simpson in "The King and I"

From the Ad Agency TV Director, the script was turned in to the Sponsor who had his own thoughts and made these changes:



This is a fine play. However, may I remind you that it's sponsored by Gloober's Breadcrumbs, not Baseball. Since Gloober's Breadcrumbs are used by women, I've made the central character a girl, naming her Maxine, after my daughter.



Note my new emphasis on Rock 'n Roll. I think this is important for product-exposure. Teenagers are potential Breadcrumb-buyers, so if we tie the two together in their minds, they'll buy Gloober's Breadcrumbs when they grow up.



From the Sponsor, the script was then sent to a Network Vice-President who put the finishing touches on this final version:



Great script! Wouldn't want to touch it! But I do think that having a mother nag an unmarried daughter might offend spinster TV fans. So I've made it into a stepmother-stepdaughter relationship, and I've added a few stepsisters.



Since Rock 'n Roll might offend parents, I've changed the stage show to a fancy costume ball. By replacing the girl friend with a godmother, we add family interest, and also create a part for Daphne Rancid, who's under contract to us.





I've rewritten here so the boys play baseball. This agency is also handling the Major League telecasts this season, so we might as well get in a plug where we can. I've also changed the car to a Ford. It might help land the account.



**\*\*Yul Brynner in "The Egg and I"**

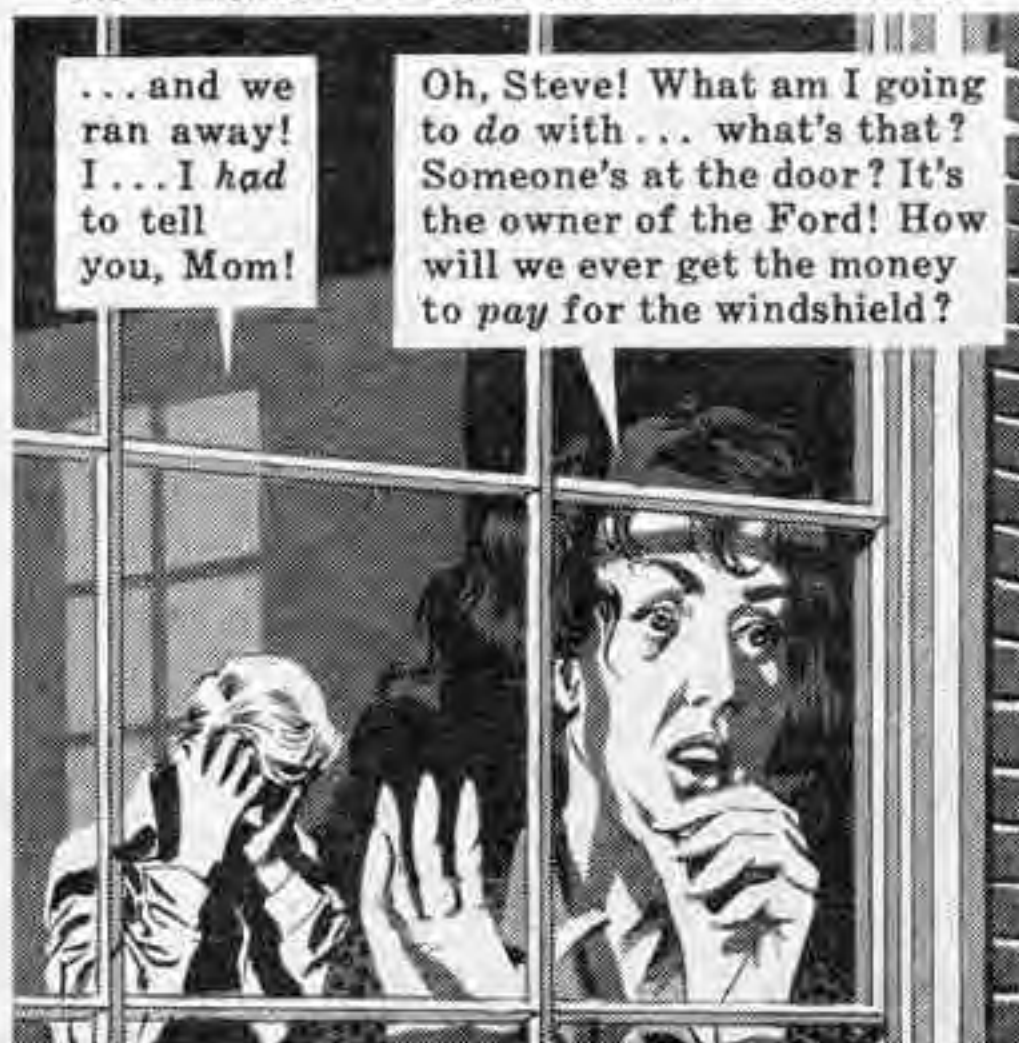
I'm glad I could eliminate the baseball scenes. This new backstage scene gives all the viewers a chance to see Dicky Finster, my daughter's favorite entertainer, who I suggest be cast as the singer so my daughter can get to meet him.



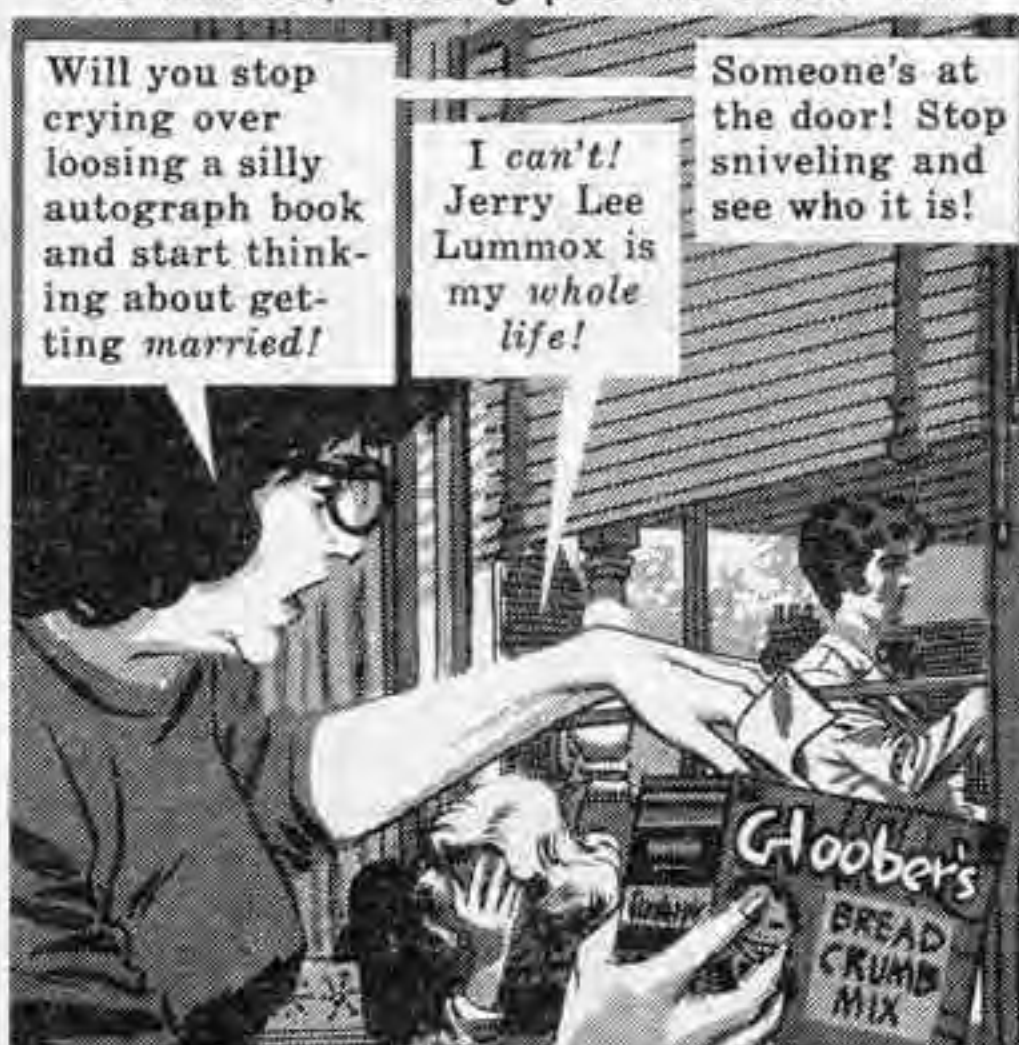
I don't mean to be difficult, but an autograph book doesn't make much sense at a costume ball. I changed it so she loses her slipper instead. And having the girl (I've named her Cindy) due home by midnight injects some needed suspense.



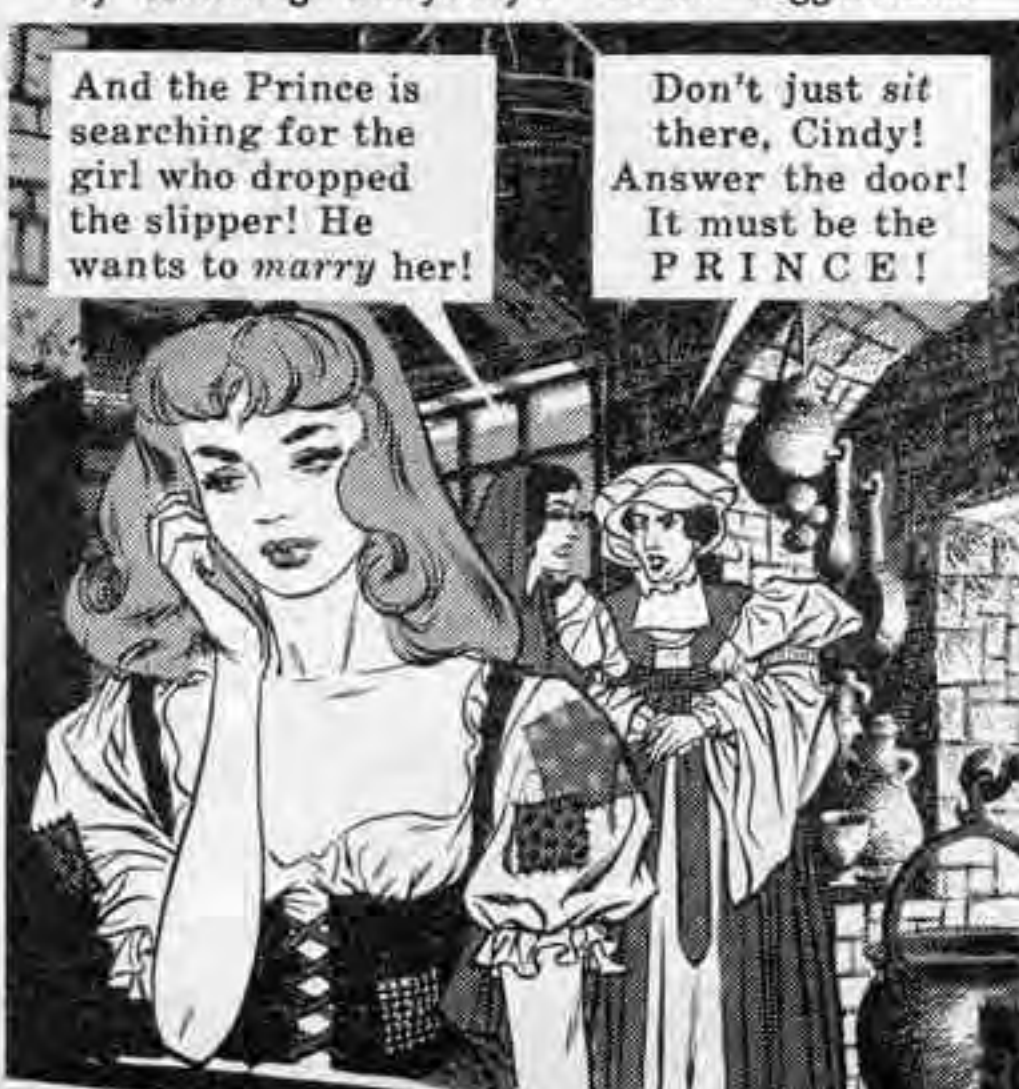
No changes! I just want to point out that by eliminating the father, it means the boy lives alone with his mother, she takes in laundry, they're hard up, and she cries a lot. It keeps the audience in a sober mood for commercials.



I've tinkered here. By having the girl cry, we give the mother a chance to do something else while she comforts her, like opening a box of Gloop's Breadcrumb Mix. Note the close-ups I've indicated, shooting past the Gloop box.



Since this is a touchy script, let's avoid all objections by changing the time to the Middle Ages. And let's soft-pedal the sponsor's plugs! After all, we could ruin this really great play by following everybody's two-bit suggestions.



This scene lacked real emotion, so I fixed it. Since every American boy dreams of becoming a Big League ball player so he can make lots of money and help his old sick mother, let's have the car-owner turn out to be a Baseball Scout.



The last scene has everything—now. It brings the boy and girl together, it gives Dicky-boy a chance to sing another song, and mainly, it gives the mother more time to show off some of her tasty-looking Gloop's Breadcrumb recipes.



A few minor alterations in plot, characterization and dialogue, and the show wraps up just beautifully. The critics should love it. This is the kind of fresh new writing TV needs! The author should be encouraged to do more for us!





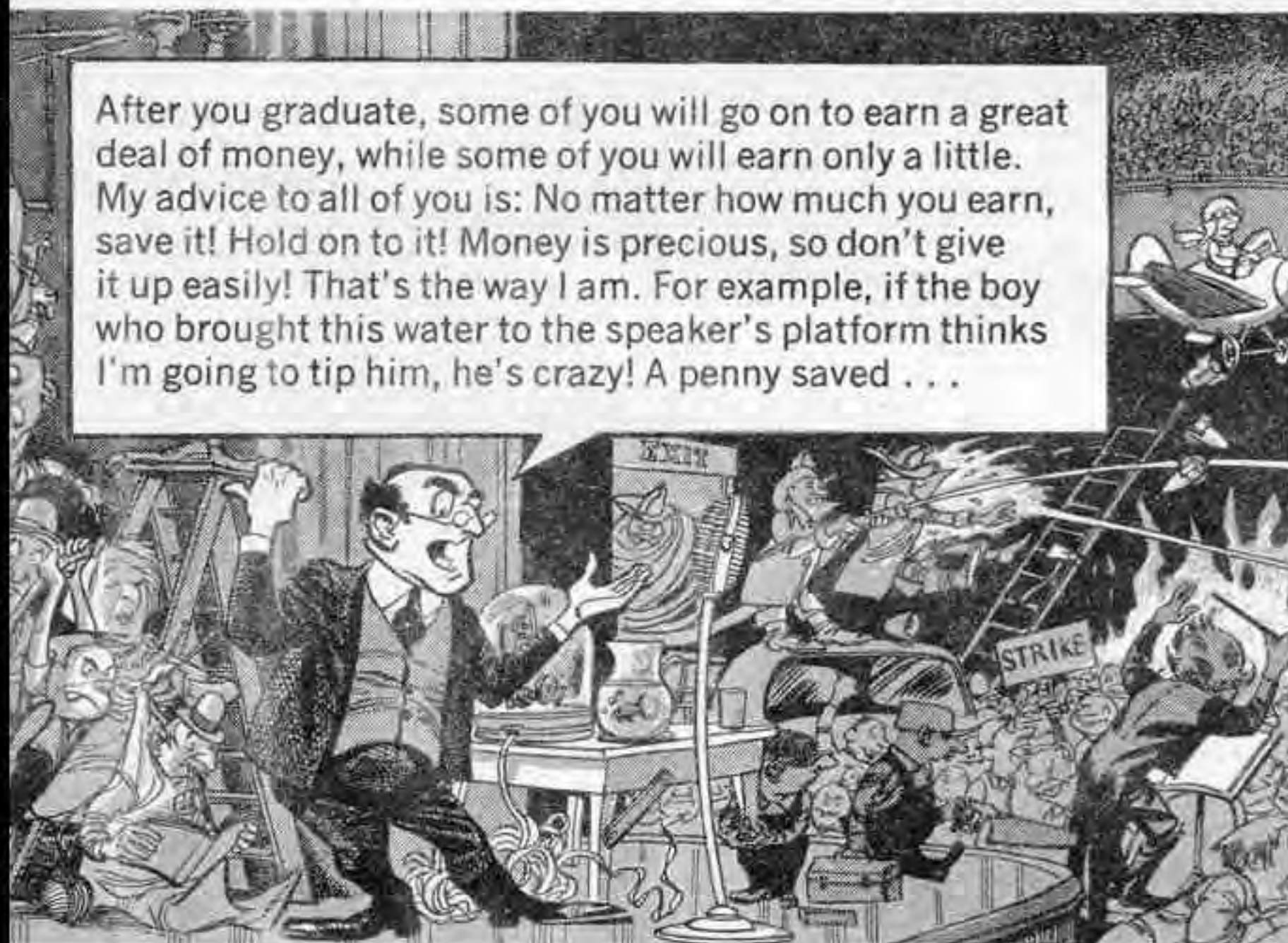
## SUMMA CUM LOUDER DEPT.

Every year around this time, there are thousands of graduation ceremonies throughout the country. And as part of these ceremonies, distinguished members of the local communities deliver thousands of boring graduation speeches. These speeches are intended to inspire the graduate and impart a message, but let's face it! Hardly anyone pays attention to them! Most graduates are interested in only two things: getting their diplomas, and getting out of there! MAD feels, however, that every now and then in the past, somebody listened carefully to a graduation speech and the message it imparted affected his whole life. Here then, are excerpts from

# GRADUATION SPEECHES

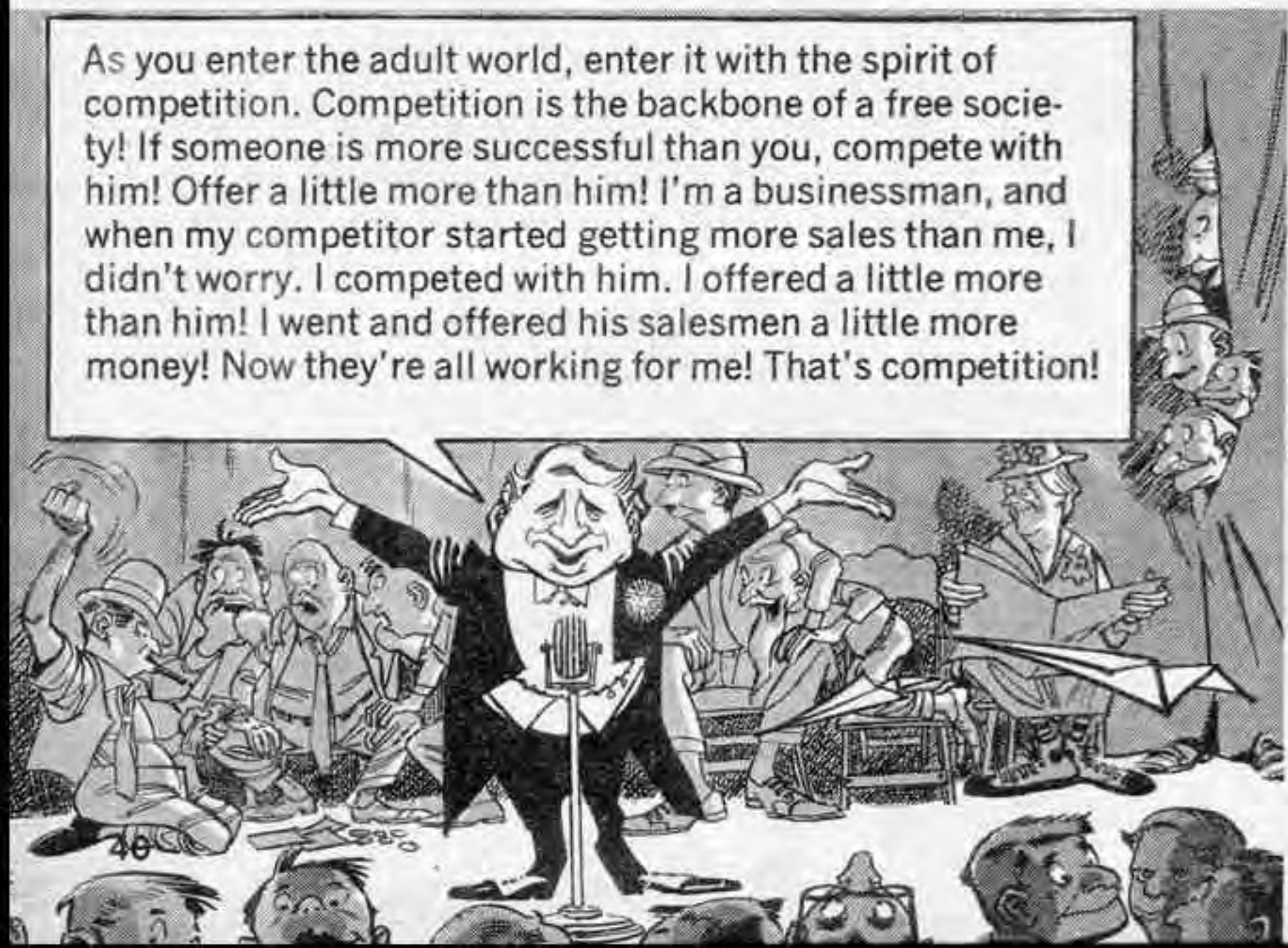
## ...THAT SOMEBODY LISTENED TO

After you graduate, some of you will go on to earn a great deal of money, while some of you will earn only a little. My advice to all of you is: No matter how much you earn, save it! Hold on to it! Money is precious, so don't give it up easily! That's the way I am. For example, if the boy who brought this water to the speaker's platform thinks I'm going to tip him, he's crazy! A penny saved . . .



PICTURES BY JOE ORLANDO

As you enter the adult world, enter it with the spirit of competition. Competition is the backbone of a free society! If someone is more successful than you, compete with him! Offer a little more than him! I'm a businessman, and when my competitor started getting more sales than me, I didn't worry. I competed with him. I offered a little more than him! I went and offered his salesmen a little more money! Now they're all working for me! That's competition!





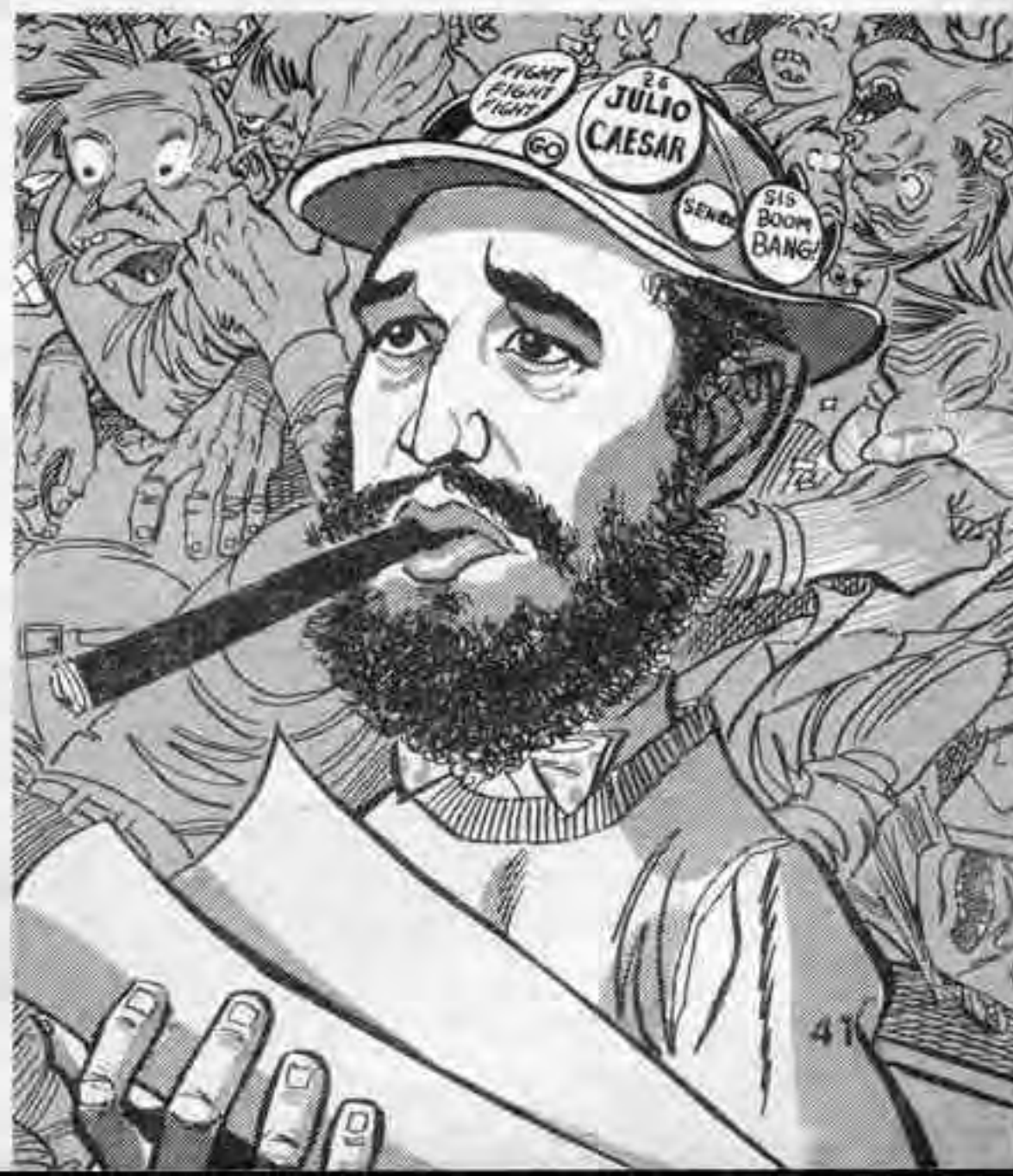
The secret of success lies in seizing an opportunity when it comes. Take a fad, for instance. Once in every generation, a craze sweeps the nation. We had "flappers" in the 20's, "crooners" in the 30's, and "jitterbugs" in the 40's. Who can foresee what we will have next? For all I know, it may be hip-swiveling idiots doing absurd gyrations while strumming stringed instruments and singing gobble-dee-gook. Whatever it is, take advantage of it! Encourage it! There's money to be made! Lots and lots of money . . .



As you go through life, don't be satisfied with second best! Strive constantly for the top! And do everything in your power to get there! Never let anything stand in your way! It won't be easy! They'll fight you . . . insult you . . . in some far-away places, they may even throw rocks at you! But don't give up. Here in America, every one has a chance to become President. Except me, maybe, I'm a Whig!



Remember . . . if you believe in something, stand up and fight for those beliefs! Don't let other people step on you just because they're in power! Find friends who believe as you believe . . . and then revolt! Take over! That's the only way! Let them know who's boss. I hope you learn something from this little speech. I'm sure you'll agree it's the most revolting speech you ever heard . . .





FURD-AMERICAN  
CASUALTY CO.

## BLIND DATE INSURANCE

This policy provides cash compensation in the event that the insured (hereinafter referred to as "the insured") should be unwittingly trapped into a blind date with an undesirable, unpleasant or disgusting type person (hereinafter referred to as "disgusting type person".)



FURD-AMERICAN  
"The Insurancier Insurance"

This policy will be revoked if the insured is unable to read this paragraph from 200 yards without glasses.

### HONESTLY THIS IS THE BEST POLICY DEPT.

Every now and then we get an irritating phone call from an irritating man with an irritating voice who tries to sell us insurance. The irritating thing is . . . we always buy some! At present, we're insured against fire, flood, famine, theft, loss, tornadoes, beri-beri, and being crushed to death by a stampede of elephants while walking East on 28th Street between 2 and 4 a.m. So, now that the insurance people have us grown-up clods insured up to the ears, why don't they start pestering the teen-age set? Most teen-agers have big problems and they need insurance! Also, most teen-agers have big money and they can afford it! To get the ball rolling, MAD opens a new field for the leading Insurance Companies of America with these...

## INSURANCE POLICIES FOR TEEN-AGERS

### PARAGRAPH 14—Sub section 3.b

Cash payments to either sex per this policy will be determined by the kind of blind date involved, in accordance with the following standard Furd-American actuarial table:

BLIND DATE TYPE	PAYMENT
Bore .....	\$ .75
Goon .....	1.05
Clod .....	1.72
Mama's Baby .....	2.50
Wolf .....	2.98
Gargoyle .....	4.00
Creature from the Black Lagoon .....	6.75
Alfred E. Neuman .....	50.00

### PARAGRAPH 23-Sub-sub section K

When requesting payment, claimant must supply photo of blind date, and detailed information as indicated:

NAME OF DATE, IF  
ANY \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF DATE, IF  
ANY \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR OF DATE'S HAIR,  
IF ANY \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT NAUSEATED YOU THE MOST ABOUT  
THIS PARTICULAR PERSON? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

attach  
blind  
date's  
photo  
here

INEQUITABLE BENEFIT  
INSURANCE COMPANY  
Rockrib, Maine

## Flunk INSURANCE

This policy will remain in force until graduation of the Insured. It provides payment for all the courses failed by the Insured, and for suitable coverage on examinations, quizzes and tests as hereinafter stated.

*Eugene St. Jean*  
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POLICY NO. 22736 B - 09

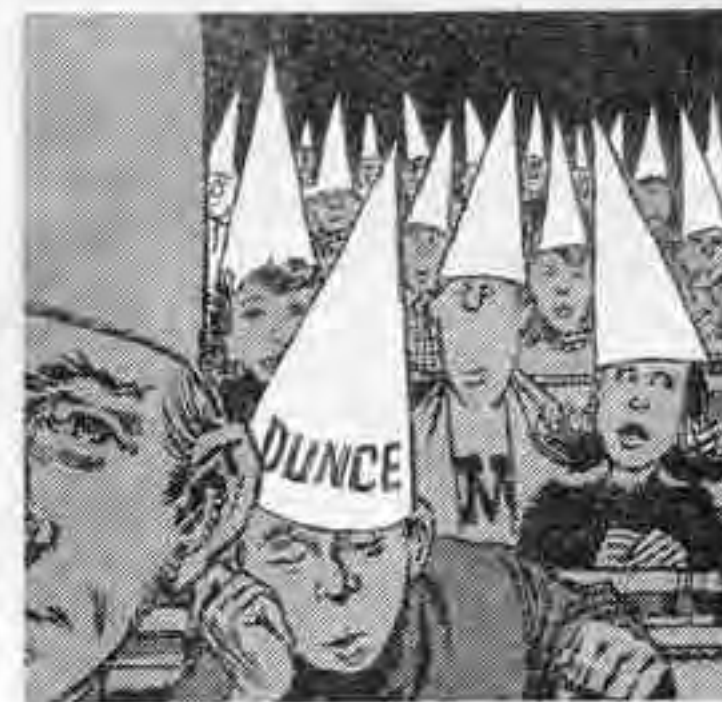


"IF IT'S OURS, IT'S INEQUITABLE"

This policy, although it is designed for teen-agers, shall be declared null and void if sold to a minor.

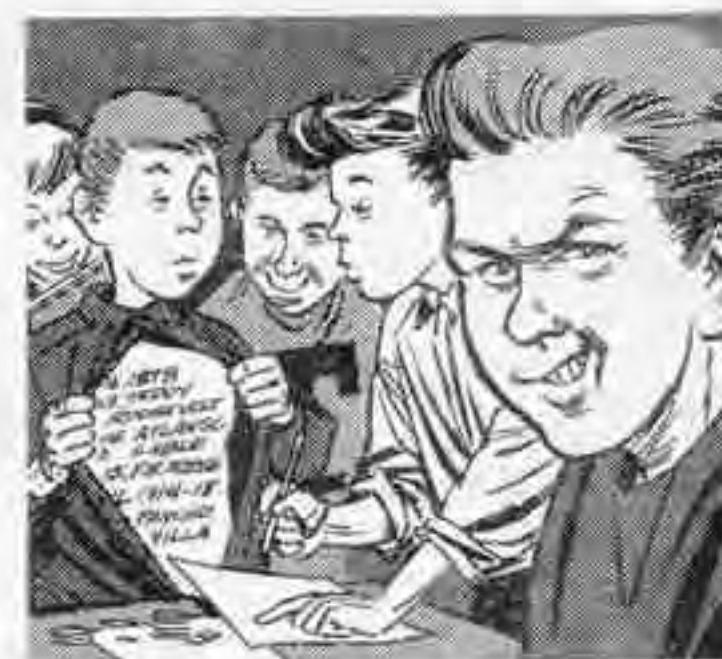
### SECTION 2395—

If claimant fails to pass final exams as specified, the Company agrees to pay the sum of one dollar (\$1) for every point below passing grade. For grades under 40, compensation is increased to two dollars (\$2). For all grades under 20, claimant receives a free transfer to another school.



### SECTION 4693—

Before receiving any cash benefit the claimant must file an affidavit certifying that he or she has made every effort to pass. CAUTION: *honest effort is not enough!* The Claimant must furnish proof that he or she attempted to *cheat* whenever and wherever possible, and to *purchase answers* from brighter, non-insured classmates.





# AXOLOTL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION MAKE-OUT INSURANCE



In accordance with the provisions stated herein, this policy guarantees refund of all money spent on heavy dates where insured does not succeed in making out.

Extra payment is provided in cases where the claimant not only fails to make out but sustains bodily injury.

POLICY NO. 553.77

\*\*Edward G. Robinson, Jr. in "Life With Father"

## PARAGRAPH 43—

The Company hereby agrees to refund amounts spent on heavy dates (plus 10%) in all cases where valid proof can be presented that claimants date walked home from car ride, slapped his face in the movies, or otherwise refused to cooperate.



## RIDER NO. 17-c—

Additional cash bonus will be paid where claimant's efforts have resulted in accidents or bodily harm, per the following table:

DOOR SLAMMED ON CLAIMANT'S FOOT . . . .	\$ 1.00
FACE SLAPPED . . . . .	1.00
EYE BLACKENED . . . . .	2.00
CLAIMANT THROWN DOWN STAIRS BY GIRL FRIEND'S FATHER . . . . .	3.00
CLAIMANT THROWN DOWN STAIRS BY GIRL FRIEND'S HUSBAND . . . . .	5.00
CLAIMANT THROWN DOWN STAIRS BY GIRL FRIEND . . . . .	10.00



# NEW POTRZEBIT INSURANCE CO. New York London Paris Rome Xanadu Draft INSURANCE

This Policy guarantees **COMPENSATION** for drafted males between the ages of 18 and 21, per stipulations hereinafter stated—to wit: payment of a cash sum to the draftee, plus one fruit cake package on every other Friday.



This policy and all its provisions shall not apply to anyone over three feet tall, weighing less than 300 lbs.

## MUTUAL DISTRUST UNDERWRITERS CO.

No. 50 - 666 - B714 - M

# ALLOWANCE PROTECTION PLAN

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# JILT INSURANCE

This policy insures claimant against unexpected jilting by member of the opposite sex.

Extended coverage (optional, see Par. 64-c) provides extra compensation for Saturday night "no-shows" and non-return of class or frat pin.

Policy Number --432-K



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**WASH N' WEAR...** One suit serves every need



On important business trip, busy executive is unworried when mud splashes on his suit as he arrives at airport.



At hotel, he scrubs suit while bathing, saving money and worry over not getting it back from the cleaners in time.

PICTURES BY BOB CLARKE

At conference, neat-looking executive shivers, not from nervousness, but from chill of wet suit drying on body.



Slight chill of previous day causes slight cold, so busy executive stays in bed. Note suit now serves as pajamas.



**WRINKLEPROOF...** Stands stress and strain  
**ORDINARY CLOTH**

In crowded subway train, woman wears ordinary cloth dress.



When she leaves, ordinary cloth dress is badly wrinkled.





TIME TO CONSIDER THE COMFORTS THAT MODERN SCIENCE HAS WOVEN INTO

# FABRICS

by miracle fabrics: (1) Wash 'n Wear, (2) Wrinkleproof, and (3) Stretchable. The purpose of this article is to demonstrate these three main selling points, and thereby illustrate the wonderful *advantages* of miracle fabrics.

...A boon to busy executives, lazy slobs, and cheapskates.



Sudden downpour on way to important business conference does not faze carefree executive in "Wash 'n wear" suit.



Arriving in building lobby, drenched businessman finds fan . . . and suit is dried as good as new in 15 minutes.

\*\*Jackie Gleason in "The Blob"

Slight complication develops from slight cold caused by slight chill which leads to slight case of pneumonia, and

"Wash 'n wear" suit sees still further use, proving that miracle fabrics not only look good, but last a lifetime!



...A boon to those who have to pack and unpack every day.

## MIRACLE FABRIC

In crowded subway train, woman wears miracle fabric dress.

When she leaves, her miracle fabric dress is unwrinkled.



SUBWAY NEWS



# MIRACLE FABRIC CLOTHES THAT...



**DEMONSTRATION OF HOW ONE SINGLE STRETCH ITEM SIZE FITS EVERYONE!**



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Three-year-old toddler fitted snugly. Fabric hardly stretches at all.

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20-year-old girl fitted the best of all! Fabric really shows stretching!

## DEMONSTRATION OF IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE DISCOVERED BY KIDS LAST XMAS!

**STRETCH SOCK ... HUNG UP ON CHRISTMAS EVE**



**STRETCH SOCK ... FULL UP CHRISTMAS MORNING**







BECAUSE OF THE VERSATILITY OF MIRACLE FABRICS THAT STRETCH, MORE AND MORE ARTICLES OF APPAREL MADE FROM THIS MATERIAL ARE APPEARING ON THE MARKET. PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE REMARKABLE STRETCH ITEMS AVAILABLE TODAY  
(Note that items illustrated are actual size, but will stretch to fit anybody!)

## DEMONSTRATION OF HOW ONE STRETCH ITEM ADJUSTS TO YEAR-ROUND WEAR!



Unstretched underwear worn as cool briefs in blistering Summer heat.



Slightly-stretched, can be worn as comfortable shorts in balmy Spring.



Stretched a little more, affords warmth needed in brisk Fall weather.



Stretched all the way, affords protection in frigid Winter weather.

## DEMONSTRATION OF IMPORTANT DISADVANTAGE INHERENT IN STRETCH ITEMS!

Stretch fabrics, like bathing suits, are always under extreme tension ...

... which, when suddenly released ...

... snap back to their original size!





Some people remember their early childhood years as being happy. Others remember them as being unhappy. Don Martin can't recall his early childhood years at all! Not after the time his big brother taught him...

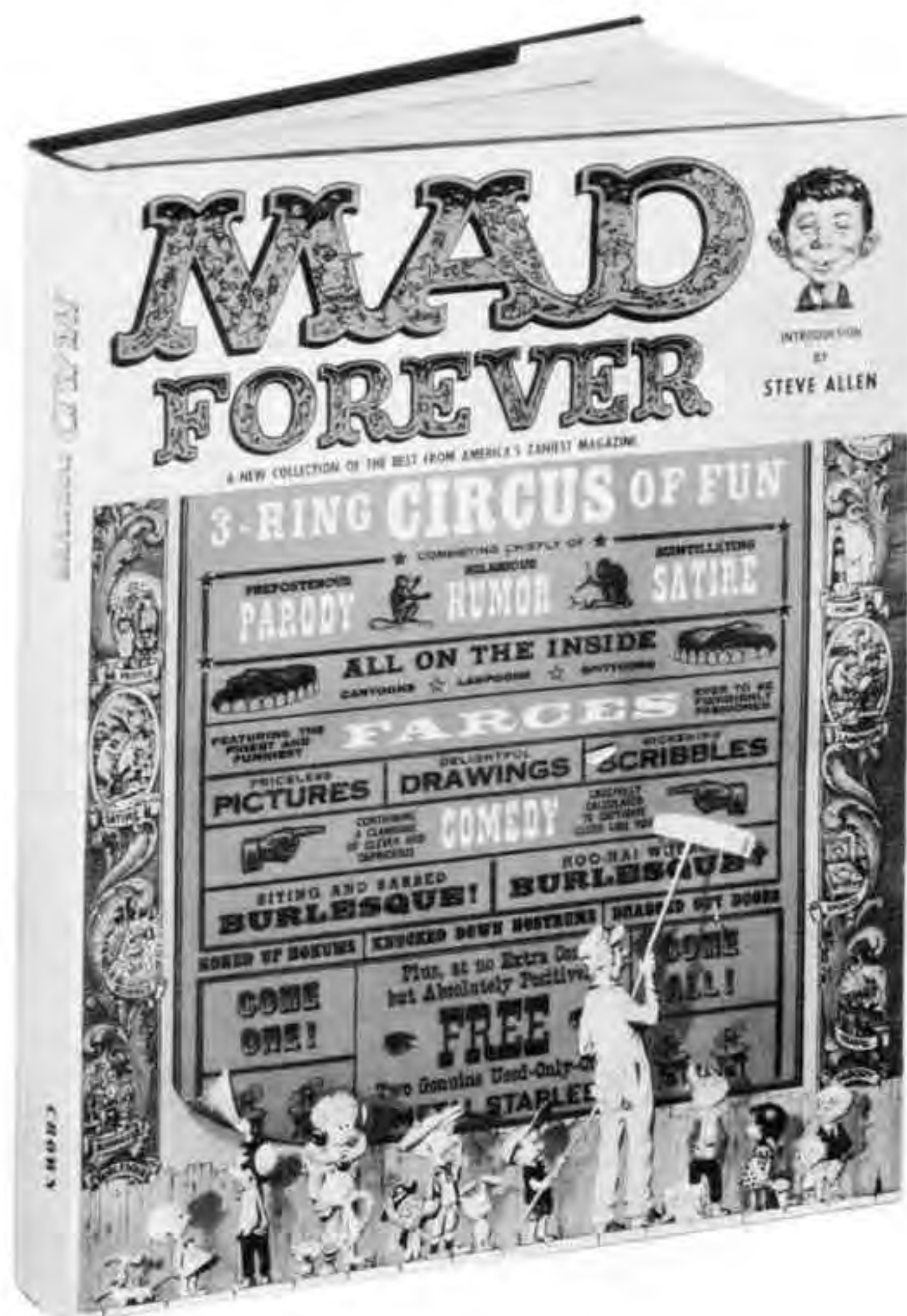
# HOW TO PLAY CROQUET



©MAD's Competitors in "Les Misérables"



# Who Says Lightning Never Strikes Twice In The Same Place?



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